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Third V.--E. C. Bane.
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Sentinel--B. S. Mallory.

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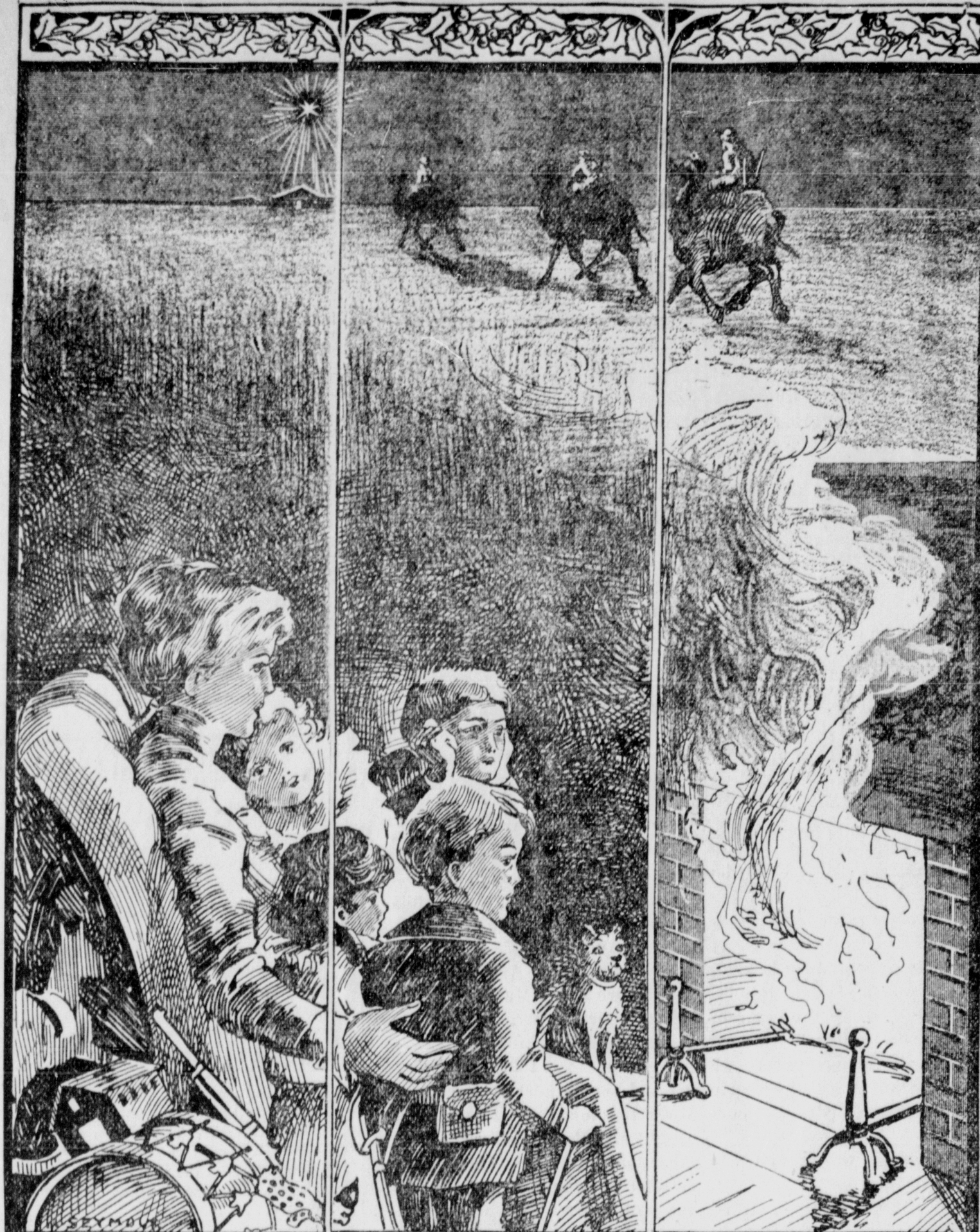
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Manila, Dec. 21.—Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton has been shot and killed at San Mateo. He was standing in front of his troops, was shot in the breast and died immediately.

Gen. Lawton left here Monday night, having returned from his northern operations Saturday, to lead an expedition through Marikina valley, which has been an insurgent stronghold throughout the war. The valley has several times been invaded, but never held by the Americans. Gen. Germino was supposed to have there the largest organized force north of Manila, and Gen. Otis wished to garrison Marikina. A night was one of the worst of the season. A terrible rain had begun and is still continuing. Accompanied by his staff and Troop I, Fourth cavalry, Gen. Lawton set out at 9 o'clock in advance of the main force, consisting of the Eleventh cavalry and one battalion each of the Twentieth and Twenty-seventh infantry, which started from La Loma at midnight. With a small escort he led the way through an almost pathless country, a distance of fifteen miles over hills and through canebroke and deep mud, the horses climbing the rocks and

Sliding Down the Hills.

Before daybreak the column had reached the head of the valley. San Mateo was attacked at 8 o'clock and a three-hours' fight ensued. This resulted in few casualties on the American side, apart from the death of Gen. Lawton, but the attack was difficult because of the natural defenses of the town. Gen. Lawton was walking along the firing line within 300 yards of a small sharpshooters' trench, conspicuous in the big white helmet he always wore, and a light yellow rain coat. He was also easily distinguishable because of his commanding stature. The sharpshooters directed several close shots, which clipped the grass near by. His staff officers called Gen. Lawton's attention to the danger he was in, but he only laughed with his usual contempt for bullets. Suddenly he exclaimed: "I am shot," clenched his hands in a desperate effort to stand erect, and fell into the arms of a staff officer. Orderlies rushed across the field for surgeons, who dashed up immediately, but their efforts were useless. The body was taken to a clump of bushes and laid upon a stretcher, the familiar white helmet covering the face of the dead general. Almost at this moment the cheers of the American troops

Rushing Into San Mateo

were mingling with the rifle volleys. After the fight six stalwart cavalrymen forded the river to the town, carrying the litter on their shoulders, the staff preceding with the colors and a cavalry escort following. The troops filed bareheaded through the building where the body was laid and many a tear fell from the eyes of men who had long followed the intrepid Lawton. The entire command was stricken with grief as though each man had suffered a personal loss. Owing to the condition of the country, which is impassable so far as vehicles are concerned the remains could not be brought to Manila to-day. Mrs. Lawton and the children are living in a government residence, formerly occupied by a Spanish general. San Mateo lies between a high mountain behind, and a broad shallow stream in front, with wild sandbars, which the insurgent trenches and buildings command. The Americans were obliged to fire over this stream and they were lying in a rice field and volleying across the stream preparatory to crossing when Gen. Lawton was shot. All except the officers were behind cover. A staff officer was wounded about the same time and one other officer and seven men were wounded. After three hours' shooting the Filipinos were dispersed into the mountains. Col. Lockett took command when Gen. Lawton fell.

Washington Is Shocked.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Gen. Lawton's death was a great shock to the officers of the war department, to nearly all of whom he was personally known. Hitherto his luck in battle had been marvelous. He had been in hundreds of skirmishes and midnight attacks. He was regarded as a man of action and of splendid courage, but was not considered reckless. He never exposed his men without due consideration of the risks and the stake. His men knew this and would unquestioningly follow his lead under what seemed to be the most desperate conditions. The Indians came to know him as the most active, vigilant, wary and determined of foes, and his pursuit and capture of Geronimo, the famous Apache chieftain, has gone down into history as one of the most remarkable campaigns ever undertaken with the small force in hand. Gen. Miles picked out Lawton to lead the chase after the Indian chief and for three months, day and night, without a pause, through all sorts of vicissitudes of weather and personal suffering Lawton hung on the trail like a bloodhound until the game was run to earth and for the first time in a quarter of a century Southwestern Arizona was pacified. Secretary Root and the president each expressed his profound grief at the confirmation of the report of the death of the gallant general.

Americans Were Repulsed.

Manila, Dec. 21.—Via San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Belated mail reports have reached Manila of an expedition on the island of Cebu last month by a small force of American soldiers of the Sixth infantry which was repulsed by insurgents mainly through the desertion of native allies upon whom the Americans depended. Two of the Americans were killed and two wounded, and in the force of native

police accompanying them, one was killed and four wounded. No official report of the affair has reached Gen. Otis, consequently the censor refused to permit the incident to be cabled.

Confirmed by Otis.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The war department last night received the following official confirmation of the killing of Gen. Lawton:

"Gen. Lawton engaged in driving insurgents from San Mateo section of country northeast of Manila was killed instantly at 9:30 yesterday morning. A great loss to us and his country."

—Otis.

MAJIN'S OPINION.

Future Peace of the Philippines Depends on the Government Set Up.

Manila, Dec. 21.—Mabini, formerly a member of the Filipino cabinet, and considered the strongest and most intellectual of such ministers, said to a representative of the Associated Press yesterday:

"The future peace of the Philippines depends altogether upon the style of government the United States sets up. We are vanquished because we lacked funds and munitions of war, and of mismanagement of our affairs, but the craving of independence still exists. If the government eventually established here is liberal, sure and free, the satisfaction and contentment of the people will result and there will be no trouble. If it is otherwise the people will be dissatisfied and will aid every revolutionary movement, which will surely occur sooner or later."

TROUBLE IN NEGROS.

Was Instigated by the Hongkong Junta.

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MORE MOUNTED MEN.

Large Force of Yeomanry to be Mobilized.

London, Dec. 21.—The government at last consented to mobilize a force which Gen. Buller is credited as having demanded all along as essential to success in South Africa, namely, 10,000 mounted infantry. It is just announced the government has decided to mobilize a force of mounted infantry to be called "Imperial Yeomanry," and to be drawn from yeomanry, and persons meeting the next requirements. The men must be between twenty and thirty-five years of age and of equal physique to the ordinary cavalry soldiers. These arrangements are expected to result in a considerable force. The enrolled strength of the yeomanry forces, which originated in the troublesome period of the French revolution, is now 10,433. Their services have never before been called for in war.

The lord mayor of London, the Hon. Alfred Newton, is now raising and equipping a corps of volunteers among the city companies. The entire city volunteers are contributing liberally to the expense. Mr. Howard Vincent has also offered to raise a regiment of a thousand picked marksmen. The enthusiasm of volunteers continues and promises to give the government ample material.

The queen has announced her intention of entertaining at Windsor castle Dec. 26 the wives and children of soldiers serving in South Africa who reside in the neighborhood. Tea will be served, her majesty probably presiding in person, and a Christmas tree twenty-five feet high will be loaded with gifts.

The British second class cruiser Isis will convey Gen. Lord Kitchener from Egypt to the Cape. She has been ordered to steam at 16 knots.

Special reports regarding the fighting at Tagala river are still filtering through, but all the newspapers complain that these are severely censored, and it is still impossible to get an accurate idea of the battle. From the latest accounts, however, it appears that Gen. Buller was in personal command.

A correspondent of the Associated Press at Chieveley Camp says the Boers excuse themselves for firing on the stretcher bearers by asserting that two companies of the Connaught Rangers took cover under civilian bearers of the Red Cross, and this act drew the Boer fire, three being killed and several wounded. Much anxiety is caused by the fact that the war office has not yet received a full list of the casualties at Tagala river.

The Standard hints editorially that if Portugal continues to allow supplies of war materials and foreign volunteers to reach the Transvaal through Delagoa bay England will have something to say in the matter. Statements are published from Boer sources in Bussels and Berlin that President Kruger is willing to conclude peace on the basis of the status quo, but otherwise will call upon the Boers in Cape Colony to join in proclaiming the independence of the Cape territories of Great Britain.

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Washington—Tables have been prepared at the war department showing the total strength of the military force employed during the late war. An immense amount of work was involved in preparing the tables, which show an aggregate force of 10,017 officers and 213,218 men on the rolls during the war, or a grand total of 223,235.

To Unveil New Huge Statue.

Rome—A colossal statue of Christ, sixty feet in height including the pedestal, will be unveiled in 1900 on the top of Mount Barone, which is 2,300 feet high, at a place near Vercelli.

LAWTON IS KILLED

STRICK DOWN BY A FILIPINO BULLET.

Gallant Commander Was Leading His Men in the Charge Against San Mateo—Was Shot in the Breast and Died Almost Immediately—Americans Enter the Town and Drive the Insurgents Into the Mountains—Profound Grief of the Men at the Death of Their Brave Leader.

Manila, Dec. 21.—Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton has been shot and killed at San Mateo. He was standing in front of his troops, was shot in the breast and died immediately.

Gen. Lawton left here Monday night, having returned from his northern operations Saturday, to lead an expedition through Mariquina valley, which has been an insurgent stronghold throughout the war. The valley has several times been invaded, but never held by the Americans. Gen. Germino was supposed to have there the largest organized force north of Manila, and Gen. Otis wished to garrison Mariquina. The night was one of the worst of the season. A terrible rain had begun and is still continuing. Accompanied by his staff and Troop I, Fourth cavalry, Gen. Lawton set out at 9 o'clock in advance of the main force, consisting of the Eleventh cavalry and one battalion each of the Twentieth and Twenty-seventh infantry, which started from La Loma at midnight. With a small escort he led the way through an almost pathless country, a distance of fifteen miles over hills and through canebrake and deep mud, the horses climbing the rocks and

Sliding Down the Hills.

Before daybreak the column had reached the head of the valley. San Mateo was attacked at 8 o'clock and a three-hours' fight ensued. This resulted in few casualties on the American side, apart from the death of Gen. Lawton, but the attack was difficult because of the natural defenses of the town. Gen. Lawton was walking along the firing line within 300 yards of a small sharpshooters' trench, conspicuous in the big white helmet he always wore, and a light yellow rain coat. He was also easily distinguishable because of his commanding stature. The sharpshooters directed several close shots, which clipped the grass near by. His staff officers called Gen. Lawton's attention to the danger he was in, but he only laughed with his usual contempt for bullets. Suddenly he exclaimed: "I am shot," clenched his hands in a desperate effort to stand erect, and fell into the arms of a staff officer. Orderlies rushed across the field for surgeons, who dashed up immediately, but their efforts were useless. The body was taken to a clump of bushes and laid upon a stretcher, the familiar white helmet covering the fact of the dead general. Almost at this moment the cheers of the American troops

Rushing Into San Mateo

were mingling with the rifle volleys. After the fight six stalwart cavalrymen forded the river to the town, carrying the litter on their shoulders, the staff preceding with the colors and a cavalry escort following. The troops filed abreast through the building where the body was laid and many a tear fell from the eyes of men who had long followed the intrepid Lawton. The entire command was stricken with grief as though each man had suffered a personal loss. Owing to the condition of the country, which is impassable so far as vehicles are concerned the remains could not be brought to Manila to-day. Mrs. Lawton and the children are living in a government residence, formerly occupied by a Spanish general. San Mateo lies between a high mountain behind, and a broad shallow stream in front, with wide sandbars, which the insurgent trenches and buildings command. The Americans were obliged to fire over this stream and they were lying in a rice field and volleying across the stream preparatory to crossing when Gen. Lawton was shot. All except the officers were behind cover. A staff officer was wounded about the same time and one other officer and seven men were wounded. After three hours' shooting the Filipinos were dispersed into the mountains. Col. Lockett took command when Gen. Lawton fell.

Washington Is Shocked.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Gen. Lawton's death was a great shock to the officers of the war department, to nearly all of whom he was personally known. Hitherto his luck in battle had been marvelous. He had been in hundreds of skirmishes and midnight attacks. He was regarded as a man of action and of splendid courage, but was not considered reckless. He never exposed his men without due consideration of the risks and the stake. His men knew his lead under what seemed to be the most desperate conditions. The Indians came to know him as the most active, vigilant, wary and determined of foes, and his pursuit and capture of Geronimo, the famous Apache chieftain, has gone down into history as one of the most remarkable campaigns ever undertaken with the small force in hand. Gen. Miles picked out Lawton to lead the chase after the Indian chief and for three months, day and night, without a pause, through all sorts of vicissitudes of weather and personal suffering Lawton hung on the trail like a bloodhound until the game was run to earth and for the first time in a quarter of a century Southwestern Arizona was pacified. Secretary Root and the president each expressed his profound grief at the confirmation of the report of the death of the gallant general.

Americans Were Repulsed.

Manila, Nov. 21, via San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Belated mail reports have reached Manila of an expedition on the island of Cebu last month by a small force of American soldiers of the Sixth infantry which was repulsed by insurgents mainly through the desertion of native allies upon whom the Americans depended. Two of the Americans were killed and two wounded, and in the force of native

police accompanying them, one was killed and four wounded. No official report of the affair has reached Gen. Otis, consequently the censor refused to permit the incident to be cabled.

Confirmed by Otis.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The war department last night received the following official confirmation of the killing of Gen. Lawton:

"Gen. Lawton engaged in driving insurgents from San Mateo section of country northeast of Manila was killed instantly at 9:30 yesterday morning. A great loss to us and his country."

MAHINI'S OPINION.

Future Peace of the Philippines Depends on the Government Set Up.

Manila, Dec. 21.—Mahini, formerly a member of the Filipino cabinet, and considered the strongest and most intellectual of such ministers, said to a representative of the Associated Press yesterday:

"The future peace of the Philippines depends altogether upon the style of government the United States sets up. We are vanquished because we lacked funds and munitions of war, and of mismanagement of our affairs, but the craving of independence still exists. If the government eventually established here is liberal, sure and free, the satisfaction and contentment of the people will result and there will be no trouble. If it is otherwise the people will be dissatisfied and will aid every revolutionary movement, which will surely occur sooner or later."

TROUBLE IN NEGROS.

Was Instigated by the Hongkong Junta.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Gen. Otis has cabled the war department as follows:

Manila, Dec. 20.—Information from Hongkong and Negros shows that the late Negros uprising was the work of the Hongkong Junta. Three junta agents visited Negros in the latter part of November and took three hundred Tagals from Panay and much junta literature which they circulated. They announced great victories in Luzon, that insurgent independence would be recognized soon by the United States, and warned the Negros of punishment in store, and directed an uprising throughout the island for Dec. 2. The result was the gathering of a few hundred of the ignorant masses and robbers and consequent fright of the better element. Gen. Smith has imposed on the towns concerned a fine to be paid into the general treasury. He reports the guilt of two priests and says American clergymen are needed; that Negros would be easily controlled if left to itself, but fears of Tagal vengeance when Aguinaldo fully establishes himself by driving the Americans out of Luzon. The most improbable statements are believed by ignorant natives.

MORE MOUNTED MEN.

Large Force of Yeomanry to be Mobilized.

London, Dec. 21.—The government at last consented to mobilize a force which Gen. Buller is credited as having demanded all along as essential to success in South Africa, namely, 10,000 mounted infantry. It is just announced the government has decided to mobilize a force of mounted infantry to be called "Imperial Yeomanry," and to be drawn from yeomanry, and persons meeting the next requirements. The men must be between twenty and thirty-five years of age and of equal physique to the ordinary cavalry soldiers. These arrangements are expected to result in a considerable force. The enrolled strength of the yeomanry forces, which originated in the troublesome period of the French revolution, is now 10,433. Their services have never before been called for in war.

The lord mayor of London, the Hon. Alfred Newton, is now raising and equipping a corps of volunteers among the city companies. The entire city volunteers are contributing liberally to the expense. Mr. Howard Vincent has also offered to raise a regiment of a thousand picked marksmen. The enthusiasm of volunteers continues and promises to give the government ample material.

The queen has announced her intention of entertaining at Windsor castle Dec. 26 the wives and children of soldiers serving in South Africa who reside in the neighborhood. Tea will be served, her majesty probably presiding in person, and a Christmas tree twenty-five feet high will be loaded with gifts.

The British second-class cruiser Isis will convey Gen. Lord Kitchener from Egypt to the Cape. She has been ordered to steam at 16 knots.

Special reports regarding the fighting at Tugela river are still filtering through, but all the newspapers complain that these are severely censored, and it is still impossible to get an accurate idea of the battle. From the latest accounts, however, it appears that Gen. Buller was in personal command.

A correspondent of the Associated Press at Chieveley Camp says the Boers excuse themselves for firing on the stretcher bearers by asserting that two companies of the Connaught Rangers took cover under civilian bearers of the Red Cross, and this act drew the Boer fire, three being killed and several wounded. Much anxiety is caused by the fact that the war office has not yet received a full list of the casualties at Tugela river.

The Standard hints editorially that if Portugal continues to allow supplies of war materials and foreign volunteers to reach the Transvaal through Delagoa bay England will have something to say in the matter. Statements are published from Boer sources in Brussels and Berlin that President Kruger is willing to conclude peace on the basis of the status quo, but otherwise will call upon the Boers in Cape Colony to join in proclaiming the independence of the Cape territories of Great Britain.

Houses Were Shaken.

London, Dec. 21.—A special from Berlin says: Sharp earthquake shocks were felt about 9 o'clock yesterday morning in the Rheingault region. The houses were shaken. No loss of life is reported.

Atlas Tank Property Sold.

Boston, Dec. 21.—The property of the Atlas Tank corporation was sold at auction yesterday to K. I. Harrison of New York for \$200,000. It is understood Mr. Harrison represents Standard oil interests.

Stabbed by a Beggar.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Charles C. Condon, a letter carrier, was fatally stabbed by Jim White, a beggar. When Condon refused to buy a beggar's card White stabbed him.

WORK OF CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 15. — The senate yesterday, by a decisive vote and practically without discussion, laid on the table the Pettigrew resolution of inquiry as to whether or not United States forces had recognized the Philippine insurgents' flag and had turned over Spanish soldiers to the insurgents. It agreed to the house Christmas recess and agreed to meet to-day to receive reports on the composition of its committees for this congress.

In the House.

The debate on the currency bill in the house yesterday was tame and prosaic. The attendance both in the galleries and on the floor was light and none of the speeches had attracted especial attention. Mr. Sibley of Pennsylvania, Dem., who has publicly announced his change of views on the money question and who, it was thought, might vote for the bill, stated that he would vote against it. Mr. Thayer, a Massachusetts Democrat, was the only one of the opposition who made a speech for the bill. The other speakers were Messrs Crumacker of Maryland, Lovering of Massachusetts, Olmstead of Pennsylvania, McCleary of Minnesota, Boutelle of Illinois and Graft of Illinois, Republicans, in favor of the bill, and Messrs. Cox of Tennessee, Lewis of Georgia, Lanham of Texas, Sibley of Pennsylvania, Burke of Texas, Terry of Arkansas, Ball of Texas, Gilbert of Kentucky, Smith of Kentucky, Berry of Kentucky, Atwater of North Carolina and Jett of Illinois, Democrats, against it.

Washington, Dec. 16. — The closing day of the general debate on the financial bill proved to be one of exceptional interest. At the outset a sharp personal colloquy occurred between Representatives Wheeler and Berry of Kentucky over the recent Kentucky election and the charges growing out of it. Considerable feeling was shown. Mr. Bailey of Texas, until recently the Democratic floor leader, received close attention in an hour's speech vigorously expressing the Democratic views. In marked contrast with Mr. Bailey's utterances, Mr. Scudder of New York, who followed him, announced that as a Democrat he believed in the gold standard and would vote for it. Mr. Payne of New York, Mr. Morris of Minnesota and Mr. Dalzell also spoke during the day. Debate until the five-minute rule occurs to-day.

At the evening session Mr. Clayton, Dem., of New York, announced his intention to vote for the financial bill. In response to unfavorable references which had been made to gold Democrats, Mr. Clayton said there were many of that belief in New York, and the number was growing constantly. Others who spoke for the bill were Messrs Sulloway of New Hampshire, Bingham of Pennsylvania, Mudd of Maryland and Minor of Wisconsin. Those who spoke against the bill were Robinson of Nebraska, Thomas of North Carolina, Lloyd of Missouri, Snodgrass of Tennessee, Rucker of Missouri, Robb of Missouri, Davenport of Pennsylvania, Lamb of Virginia, Caldwell of Illinois, Stephens of Texas, Gordon of Ohio and Neville of Nebraska. At 10:15 the house adjourned.

In the Senate.

The practical completion of the senate committee for the Fifty-sixth congress were announced officially by Mr. Aldrich of Rhode Island. He presented to the senate an order fixing the committees and it was adopted without dissent. A few vacancies in the minority representation are yet to be filled. They will be disposed of in a few days. No other business of importance was transacted by the senate.

Washington, Dec. 18. — The six-day debate upon the currency bill closed Saturday in a sensational manner. The Republican leaders had evidently set a trap for the minority to show that discord existed on the money question, and it was timed so as to make the scene as dramatic as possible.

Just at the close of the debate three of the heavy-weights—Gen. Grosvenor of Ohio, Mr. Pizzell of Pennsylvania and Mr. Doeliver of Iowa—were put forward to call the attention of the country to the fact that in the long debate very little had been heard about free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 from the minority side of the house, and that not one had offered an amendment containing such a proposition. Mr. Grosvenor said it was one of the signs of the coming regeneration of the Democratic party. Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, indignantly denied any intention of abandoning silver and called attention to the fact that under the special order under which the house was operating, neither a substitute nor a motion to recommit was in order.

Then Mr. Dalzell challenged a member of the opposition to a free coinage amendment. In response half the Democratic membership rose and demanded the privilege, but here and there was an Eastern Democrat shouting his disapproval.

There were shouts of "bluff" from the Democratic side, but the Republicans, after the parliamentary obstacle had been removed through Mr. Overstreet, who was in charge of the bill, asked unanimous consent for an amendment to the rule to permit the amendment to be offered. Then Mr. Driggs and Mr. Levy, two New York Democrats, blocked the game with objections.

No amendments were offered to the bill and only one section of the bill was read. The whole time was occupied in five-minute speeches. The incidents of the day were a sensational speech by Mr. Lentz (Dem., Ohio) denouncing the prosecution of the war in the Philippines and charging an alliance between Great Britain and the United States to subvert liberty, one in South Africa and one in the Orient, and an attack upon the memory of ex-President Hayes by Mr. Clark (Dem., Mo.). Mr. Brown, an Ohio Republican, warmly defended the memory of Mr. Hayes.

The vote upon the currency bill will be taken immediately after the reading of the journal on Monday. Mr. Overstreet, in charge of it, says it will have 35 majority. He says 8 Democrats will vote for it and 7 will not vote either way.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The currency bill which was debated all last week

was passed yesterday by the house by a vote of 190 to 150. It had the united support of every Republican in the house and of eleven Democrats, Messrs. Clayton, Driggs, Fitzgerald, Levy, Ruppert, Scudder, Underhill and Wilson of New York, Aller of Pennsylvania, Denny of Maryland and Mr. Thayer of Massachusetts. All the other Democrats voted against the measure or were paired against it except John Walter Smith, governor-elect from Maryland, Mr. Stallings of Alabama and Gen. Joseph Wheeler of Alabama. Mr. Stallings has not been present in the house this session owing to illness, and one of his colleagues announced that if present he would have voted in the negative. Gen. Wheeler is serving in the Philippines. When the speaker announced the result the Republicans cheered lustily. After the vote the speaker rather unexpectedly announced the committee selections, and the reading of the lists was followed with intense earnestness by the members whose opportunities for distinction depends so largely upon their committee assignments. The only incident in connection with the reading of the lists was Mr. Bailey's interrogatory of the speaker as to whether Gen. Wheeler's name had been placed upon the committee on ways and means. Speaker Henderson responded in the negative. Announcement of the death of the late Representative Bland of Missouri, which occurred last summer, caused an early adjournment.

In the Senate.

What the senate may accomplish in the way of legislation for the Philippines during the present session is problematical, but that the question will be thoroughly discussed is indicated by the number of resolutions bearing upon it being introduced. In opposition to the retention by the United States of the Philippine islands two resolutions were introduced yesterday, one by Mr. Tillman of South Carolina, and the other by Mr. Bacon of Georgia. Each resolution purposes to yield the islands to a government to be established by the Filipinos themselves. Mr. Morgan of Alabama addressed the senate briefly upon the necessity of legislation to control trusts, and had his joint resolution against them referred to the judiciary committee.

HOUSE COMMITTEES.

Speaker Henderson Proceeds According to Precedent.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Speaker Henderson yesterday announced the committees of the house of representatives. It proved to have very few surprises, as the speaker preserved the time-honored custom of following precedent as to old members, leaving them in their old chairmanships and places and gradually advancing them as vacancies occur. The important new chairmanships are those of Mr. Brewster of Pennsylvania, chairman of banking and currency; Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, merchant marine and fisheries; Mr. Southard of Ohio, coinage, and Mr. Cooper of Wisconsin, the newly formed committee on insular affairs.

The new members of the ways and means committee are McCaill and Long, Republicans, Newlands, Silver, and Cooper, Democrats. Appropriations and foreign affairs also got a considerable amount of new blood. Military affairs has the largest new membership, six Republicans and three Democrats. The membership of the insular committee is notable in being a "committee of chairmen," the heads of ways and means, appropriations, foreign affairs, commerce, post-offices, etc., being represented also on this committee. The new members of the house receive full consideration from the speaker, although following custom, they necessarily take the lower places on the committees. The Democratic members receive fewer places than in the last congress, as the larger Democratic representation in this house compelled a reduction in the number of places for each.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Discussion in the senate of the financial measure drafted by the majority of the committee on financial affairs will begin on Thursday, Jan. 4, the day after the holiday recess. This announcement was made in the senate yesterday by Mr. Aldrich of Rhode Island, chairman of the financial affairs committee. Mr. Aldrich declared his purpose to press the measure to a passage as soon as possible. Mr. Allen of Nebraska took the oath of office.

In the House.

The house was in session two hours yesterday. A large number of perfunctory resolutions for printing, leave for committees to sit during the sessions, etc., necessary to get the committees under way were adopted and the several portions of the president's message were distributed in accordance with the usual custom. Speeches were made by Mr. Grow, the venerable ex-speaker of the house, in defense of the administration's course in the Philippines, and by Mr. Bell, a Colorado Populist, criticizing the president's utterances upon the prosperity of the country. Scores of the members left for their homes yesterday afternoon to spend the holidays.

STARS FOR LETTER CARRIERS.

A New Method of Indicating Length of Service.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The postmaster general has ordered that hereafter the length of service as letter carriers shall not be indicated on the uniform of carriers by stripes, but by stars. For five years' service they will wear one black silk star; two stars for ten years; one red silk star for fifteen years and two for twenty; one silver star for twenty-five years, two for thirty; one gold star for thirty-five and two for forty.

Mother and Two Children Cremated. Conway, Ark., Dec. 21.—Yesterday near Greenbrier the residence of Geo. Roberts was burned and his wife and two small children were cremated. Mrs. Roberts was ill and the children were too small to give the alarm. Mr. Roberts was away from home.

Fire Causes \$150,000 Loss. Florence, S. C., Dec. 21.—Fire yesterday destroyed the Florence hotel, the bank of Florence, the opera house, the city hall. These are the principal business houses in the heart of the city. Loss, \$150,000; partly insured.

News of the Northwest

GRAY AND BRIGGS.

Developments in the Tragic Episode on the Fargo Bridge.

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 20.—In searching William Gray, the man who was shot by Chief Murphy of Moorhead, a lot of jewelry, in addition to the burglars' tools, was found on his person. Among the articles were some rings stolen a week ago when the office of Undertaker Rice was burglarized. The man arrested with Gray is Ed Briggs of St. Cloud. He denies complicity in the robbery, but states he heard the burglary planned. Briggs is under indictment on a charge of grand larceny in Benton county, Minn., and the officials will be here for him. Murphy rested comfortably yesterday, and there has been little inflammation. The injuries to Gray are of a less serious nature than first supposed, as the bullet took a downward course into his jaw instead of entering his brain, as at first thought.

RECKLESS SHOOTING.

One Man Kills Another While He is Slaughtering a Bullock.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Alex Clarke, late of Brandon, was shot and instantly killed at Stevenson, B. C., by a man named Jones. Clarke was holding a bullock for Jones to shoot, but the bullet missed the animal and entered Clarke's forehead. The evidence before the coroner's jury showed that the shooting was accidental, but grossly reckless. After shooting Clarke Jones shot the bullock and commenced the skinning operations. Mr. Webber, the employer of the two men, appeared excitedly on the scene with the words, "You've killed Clarke!" Jones glanced at the dead man and said: "Get somebody to take him away," and went on with his work. The jury passed a strong censure on the authorities for allowing the discharge of firearms within the municipal limits.

SWIFT TO CONVICT.

Burglar in Prison Within Forty-Eight Hours of His Crime.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 20.—Max Groger pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary and was sentenced to two and one-half years at Waupun. Groger, whose home is in Dubuque, it a young man who has been engaged in cooking at hotels and restaurants about town. He was arrested in W. N. Grashy's jewelry store about 1 o'clock Sunday morning with his pockets filled with gold watches, jewelry, opera glasses, etc. The stuff was all recovered by the police. Groger said he merely wanted a few Christmas presents for his girl, had no money and had to steal them. He begins his sentence within forty-eight hours after the commission of the crime.

CLEARING A COLLEGE DEBT.

A Conditional Gift of \$50,000 to the Yankton Institution.

Yankton, S. D., Dec. 20.—Some time since a Mr. Pierson of Chicago promised Yankton college a donation of \$50,000, provided the present college debt of \$30,000 was paid by March 1, 1900. In view of this generous offer President Warren and others connected with the institution have been hard at work intent upon raising the \$30,000 with which to pay the present debt, and thus avail themselves of Mr. Pierson's offer. Up to date the sum of \$19,000 has been raised, and the prospects are very flattering for the raising of the balance by March 1.

WASHBURN'S ROAD.

Damages of \$1,000 Awarded for Right of Way.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 20.—The district court has adjourned after trying the condemnation cases for the right of way of the Bismarck, Washburn & Fort Buford Railway company. The last case tried was that against W. E. Breen and the jury awarded the defendant damages of \$600. The total amount of damages awarded in the cases tried is about \$1,000.

PLANKINTON BANK CASE.

Court Sustains the Writ for Removal of Assignee Bean.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 20.—The supreme court has decided the Plankinton bank case against Judge Johnson and in favor of a majority of the creditors. The writ is imperative under which Capt. I. M. Bean is removed as assignee of the bank and Henry Herman is appointed. The bank assets still outstanding are said to reach \$250,000.

Judgment for Loss of a Father.

Clark, S. D., Dec. 20.—In the case of the minor children of Peter Nordin against Kjos & Bjornstrom, the jury returned a verdict for \$3,000 in favor of the plaintiffs. This is the action brought by the children for the loss of their father through drink and to which the jury say by their verdict that the defendants contributed. A similar case against T. Brown and his bondsmen was dismissed on account of an error in the pleadings.

Good Railway Accommodation.

Fort Dodge, Iowa, Dec. 19.—The new time card received of the much talked of train service over the Fort Dodge & Omaha, the 141 miles' extension of the Illinois Central, announces that complete passenger and train service goes into effect at noon to-day. The passenger service, which is the finest on the whole Illinois Central line, will connect Council Bluffs with all through lines leaving Omaha.

Mandan Saloons Closed Up.

Mandan, N. D., Dec. 20.—Four of the twelve saloons here were closed last night on injunctions under the prohibition law. Their supplies were seized. The papers were prepared on complaint of Mrs. O'Leary of Mandan.

Bismarck Fire.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 20.—The residence of W. H. Sanderson was destroyed by fire yesterday. The origin of the fire was unknown. The loss will be about \$2,000, covered by insurance.

WHAT AILS THE HOGS?

Winona Mystified Over an Apparently New Disorder.

Winona, Minn., Dec. 21.—A peculiar disease has been discovered among a lot of hogs brought into the city by Leonard Hill, a farmer, and sold to a butcher. The disease did not show until the animal had been killed and scraped. Then it was seen that there were great blotches of red on the skin, in some cases covering almost the entire animal. The local health department was notified and the live hogs were quarantined, while those that had been killed were condemned and sent to the glue factory. Local physicians and veterinarians were unable to analyze the diseased pork, and portions of the lungs have been sent to the state authorities at St. Paul. The disease does not seem to be cholera.

Frightful Experience.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 20.—Ole Anderson, a prominent farmer living near Menno, had a terrible experience which will in all probability cause his death. He left Menno Sunday evening on horseback for home. Failing to put in an appearance there searching parties set out and after an all-night search found him lying near the highway. His horse had evidently thrown and injured him so badly that he was unable to help himself, and was compelled to lie on the ground all night with the temperature hovering around zero. When discovered he was unable to utter a sound. His hands and feet were frozen solid and will have to be amputated in the event that he lives.

Killed by a Fall.

Alexandria, Minn., Dec. 21.—While driving to his home in Leaf Valley from Brandon, Carl Rye's, a German farmer, was thrown from his wagon and killed. He had broken his wagon pole, which some passing friends had helped him to tie up, but this gave way at a dangerous point in the road and the pole dropped to the ground and stopped the wagon, throwing him off. From appearances he was instantly killed. A post-mortem examination was held by Coroner Hensel.

Whole Family Asphyxiated.

St. Paul, Dec. 21.—The sixteen-year-old son of Charles S. Potter awoke yesterday morning to find the house full of coal gas. He just had strength to reach the house of a neighbor, when, after knocking at the door, he fell unconscious. His father, mother and brother were found unconscious in their beds. Physicians, after working three hours over them, said they would all recover.

Admitted to Bail.

Brainerd, Minn., Dec. 21.—Joseph Beaulieu and Tuffel Lacroix, who were arraigned in the municipal court on Friday last, charged with the robbery of the Metcals at St. Matthias on the 28th of August, 1897, and whose examination is to be held here Friday, were admitted to bail in the sum of \$2,500 each, three prominent business men of Brainerd becoming their sureties.

Wisconsin Football Finances.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 21.—Manager Fisher's report on football games of the Wisconsin university team was given to the auditing committee last night. The report shows the total receipts handled to be \$27,387.85, and the expenditures at \$24,981.04, leaving a balance of \$2,406.81. The game with Michigan brought the largest returns, the amount being \$5,221.52.

To "Bike" All Winter.

Winona, Minn., Dec. 21.—The city council has established a precedent which will, no doubt, be followed by other cities in the state. It provided for the clearing of a bicycle path on one of the streets which extends through the entire length of the city, so that workmen going to and from work may have a place to ride all winter.

Dewey's Visit to Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Dec. 20.—City Clerk Edward Schuenzel has received a letter from Admiral Dewey acknowledging the city's invitation to visit Milwaukee. The hero of Manila states that he cannot state definitely whether he can come or not immediately after visiting Chicago, adding, "but the matter will be borne in mind for careful consideration in the future."

Eckert Found Guilty.

Waukesha, Wis., Dec. 21.—The jury in the Eckert murder case yesterday found George Eckert guilty of murder in the second degree and recommended mercy of the court. Eckert killed his wife by shooting her on Aug. 25 last while in a jealous rage.

Comports With His Name.

Hill City, S. D., Dec. 21.—A Baring Gould, who has been operating in the mining districts around this city, has received word that a brother has left him a large fortune at the old home in England. Mr. Gould left immediately for England.

The Mississippi Tightening.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 21.—The ice stopped running shortly before noon yesterday and the river is well closed, with the usual stage of four feet. Conditions are excellent for safe crossing if the weather remains cold a few days.

Farmer Loses His Home.

Glyndon, Minn., Dec. 21.—The dwelling house of O. G. Thortved, a farmer living about four miles northwest of here, was destroyed by fire. It was a total loss with the exception of a little furniture. No insurance.

Jerome Benson Dead.

Hastings, Minn., Dec. 21.—Jerome Benson, an old and well known farmer of Cottage Grove, Washington county, died from pneumonia, aged seventy-three years. He leaves a wife, one son and two daughters.

MINNESOTA ITEMS

Two young men were drowned near Mora, Minn.

Flax, it is expected at Duluth, will reach \$2 a bushel.

Fire destroyed two buildings at the St. Cloud reformatory.

Claus A. Blixt, life convict for the Gung murder, has applied for a pardon.

St. Paul secures the National Republican league convention, to be held in July.

The Retail Merchants' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Minnesota has been organized.

Moorhead city warrants, worth 75 cents a year ago, are selling now for 90 cents on the dollar.

Rev. Samuel T. Sterrett, formerly chaplain of the Minnesota house of representatives, died recently in California.

John F. Moser died at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Lesetta Moser, at Hastings, after an illness of three weeks.

The indictments against Louis F. Menage, of Guaranty Loan fame, Minneapolis, have been nolleed and he is at liberty.

John Mahew and William Matheson, convicts at the state prison, were adjudged insane, and will be sent to Rochester.

Edward Reidal and Anton Jacobson, convicted in Minneapolis of swindling in 1898, have been released from the prison at Stillwater by pardon.

The extension of the personal property taxes in Winona county has been completed, showing a total of \$54,508.95, against \$47,077.76 last year. The rate this year is 33.4 mills, against 30.6 mills last year.

The Winona & Western Railway company has appealed to the supreme court in the damage suit brought against it by Joseph Winczewski, in which Winczewski secured a verdict of \$1,000.75.

Winona sportsmen have already commenced to plan for a big tournament next Memorial Day. There will probably be two days' shooting, and the entries will be divided into two classes, one for amateurs and the other for professionals.

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Rev. Thomas L. Rabstelnick, prominently connected with the diocese of Duluth, has been called by Bishop Shanley and given charge of the parish of Pisk, N. D. Rev. Rabstelnick labored very hard in the Hineley burned district, built several churches and established two flourishing colonies along the St. Paul & Duluth railway.

James M. Foster is dead at Litchfield. He was born in the State of New York, July 5, 1818. He formerly resided in Ohio, and later in Minneapolis, and for a number of years had made his home in Litchfield with his son, A. F. Foster, county attorney. Father and son fought side by side in the Civil war.

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The district court is in session at Moorhead, Judge Searle presiding. The grand jury has brought in several indictments, most of them being for selling intoxicating liquors without license in various parts of the county. For this offense Mary Pratt of Glen was indicted; Charles Douglas, Comstock; Olaus Anderson, Glyndon; John Hayes, Glyndon. Mary Pratt pleaded not guilty, all the others admitting their guilt.

Fire in Mrs. S. C. Seavey's millinery store at Austin spread to the adjoining millinery store of Mrs. Cotter and daughter. Both stores were practically ruined. The buildings were owned by Lyman D. Baird. Loss \$400; insurance, \$1,000. Mrs. Cotter and daughter, loss \$1,000, insurance \$500. Mrs. Seavey was insured for \$2,500, which fully covers her loss. The origin of the fire is unknown.

C. E. Thayer of Minneapolis, accompanied by William Carver and J. P. Brandon, was in Duluth recently working on preliminary plans for the foundation of a large steel grain elevator to be erected on Rice Point, near the new Peavey system. Property enough for a big elevator system was purchased in the name of Mr. Thayer from George C. Howe. The promoters of the elevator project are not known to Duluth people.

The district court at Owatonna has finished the cases on the criminal calendar. Frank Coddington, indicted for grand larceny in the first degree, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the state reformatory. Frank McConnell, indicted for assault in the second degree, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the reformatory. Gustave Brown, indicted for burglary in the third degree, was given eighteen months at Stillwater. Vincent Miles, indicted for grand larceny in the second degree, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to state's prison for three years. Miles broke jail last March, hence the severity of the sentence.

The weather for the past week has been quite satisfactory to the loggers in Beltrami county, though there is as yet no snow for hauling operations. The nights are colder, and the lakes and marshes are gradually freezing up. More than 200,000,000 feet of logs are already skidded, it is estimated, and 200,000,000 more will be cut before the winter is over. In the last ninety days over 8,000 men have gone into the woods from this point and over 4,000 horses, and the streets of the town are still full of men coming and going from and to the lumber camps.

Short Road to Popularity.

Hingso—That doctor is very popular with society people.

Jingso—Yes, he gives Latin and Greek names to sick headaches and the like.—Syracuse Herald.

The Typewriter Invention.

A statistician has proven that the invention of the typewriter has given employment to 500,000 people, but he fails to state how many cases of weak stomachs it has induced. All people of sedentary occupation need Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It helps nature to bear the strain which ensues from confinement.

Ahead.

Brokeleigh—He called me a scamp, but I have the best of him.

Stokeleigh—How so?

Brokeleigh—I owe him \$10.—New York World.

PATENTS.

List of Patents Issued Last Week to Northwestern Inventors.

Lucien B Knight, Minneapolis, Minn., hammer; Stiles Lindersmith, St. Paul, Minn., portable steam boiler; Edwin H. Montgomery, St. Paul, Minn., rotary engine; Dighton A. Robinson, Minneapolis, Minn., subdivision of grain bins; Dighton A. Robinson, Minneapolis, Minn., and M. Toltz, St. Paul, Minn., grain bin; Wilbra Sweet, Minneapolis, Minn., acetylene gas generator; Walter Thexton, Duluth, Minn., copying press; Frank F. Thill, Wheaton, Minn., draft-equalizer.

Merwin, Lothrop & Johnson, Patent Attorneys, 911 & 912 Pioneer Press Bldg., St. Paul

Not Good Kickers.

I never heard but one Porto Rican man make a kick about anything. I was sitting on the hotel veranda at Ponce one day when a merchant came down the street to see me. There was a vicious bull tearing about the street and the animal got after the merchant and ran him a block and gave him a toss which landed him on the veranda, almost at my feet. Of course I went to his assistance, thinking him seriously hurt, but it turned out that he had come off almost without a bruise. I began to congratulate him over his escape, but he interrupted me with: "Senor, I like it not. The bull should have rolled me into the ditch instead of tossing me up here. Never before was I tossed upon this veranda, and can't make it out."—Washington Post.

The Cause of Chapped Hands.

Much of the discomfort experienced from chapped hands in cold weather is due to washing with inferior soap, the ingredients being poisonous to the skin. It is therefore important to have pure soap. If warm rain water and Ivory soap are used in washing the hands, they will be smooth and white at all seasons. ELIZA R. PARKER.

Stage Hero.

At this moment something came hurtling from the gallery and narrowly missed the gifted tragedian.

Instantly he advanced to the footlights.

"That is a game," he said in a deep voice, "that two can play at."

And he took an egg from his pocket and threw it with all his might.

It struck one of the pillars of the gallery and scattered itself impartially over fifteen or twenty hoodlums.

He took out another egg, but he did not have to throw it. The first one had done the business.

Recipe for clearing a gallery: Same as for clearing a pot of coffee. Use an egg.—Chicago Tribune.

FITS Permanently Cured. Sufferers or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

New Artificial Paving Stone.

A new artificial paving stone is made in Germany. It is composed of coal tar, sulphur and chloride of lime. The tar is mixed with the sulphur and warmed thoroughly and the lime is added to the semi-liquid mass. After cooling this product is broken fine and furnace slag. The blocks are then subjected to a pressure of 3,000 pounds to the square inch.

THE GRIP CURE THAT DOES CURE. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets removes the cause that produces La Grippe. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

It Might.

"The Bible speaks about someone running and reading," remarked Mr. Northside to Mr. Shadyside.

"So it does."

"If it spoke about someone running and writing, it might be regarded as an allusion to Aguinaldo."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

My doctor said I would die, but Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me.—Amos Keiner, Cherry Valley, Ill., Nov. 23, '95.

If you have never been called a crank you have attracted but little attention in this world.

Some people are like circus bills; a very little money causes them to be stuck up.

There is poetry in flowers, but the verse makers fight shy of the chrysanthemum.

The output of the East India cotton mills last year was in excess of the demand.

When a wise man lends money to a relative he always gets double security.

THE Pleasantest, most powerful, effective and never failing REMEDY for Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, DROPS LA GRIFFE and CATARRH! If all knew what thousands know of the efficacy of "5 TRADE MARK DROPS" as a Curative as well as a Preventive of any Ache or Pain known to the human body, there would not be a family in all America without a bottle of "5 DROPS!" Send for trial bottle, 25c, or large bottle, containing 300

WORK OF CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 15. — The senate yesterday, by a decisive vote and practically without discussion, laid on the table the Pettigrew resolution of inquiry as to whether or not United States forces had recognized the Filipino insurgents' flag and had turned over Spanish soldiers to the insurgents. It agreed to the house Christmas recess and agreed to meet to-day to receive reports on the composition of its committees for this congress.

In the House.
The debate on the currency bill in the house yesterday was tame and prosaic. The attendance both in the galleries and on the floor was light and none of the speeches made attracted especial attention. Mr. Sibley of Pennsylvania, Dem., who has publicly announced his change of views on the money question and who, it was thought, might vote for the bill, stated that he would vote against it. Mr. Thayer, a Massachusetts Democrat, was the only one of the opposition who made a speech for the bill. The other speakers were Messrs Crumpacker of Maryland, Lovering of Massachusetts, Olmstead of Pennsylvania, McCleary of Minnesota, Bontelle of Illinois and Graft of Illinois, Republicans, in favor of the bill, and Messrs. Cox of Tennessee, Lewis of Georgia, Lanham of Texas, Sibley of Pennsylvania, Burke of Texas, Terry of Arkansas, Ball of Texas, Gilbert of Kentucky, Smith of Kentucky, Berry of Kentucky, Atwater of North Carolina and Jett of Illinois, Democrats, against it.

Washington, Dec. 16. — The closing day of the general debate on the financial bill proved to be one of exceptional interest. At the outset a sharp personal colloquy occurred between Representatives Wheeler and Berry of Kentucky over the recent Kentucky election and the charges growing out of it. Considerable feeling was shown. Mr. Bailey of Texas, until recently the Democratic floor leader, received close attention in an hour's speech vigorously expressing the Democratic views. In marked contrast with Mr. Bailey's utterances, Mr. Souder of New York, who followed him, announced that as a Democrat he believed in the gold standard and would vote for it. Mr. Payne of New York, Mr. Morris of Minnesota and Mr. Dalzell also spoke during the day. Debate until the five-minute rule occurs to-day.

At the evening session Mr. Clayton, Dem., of New York, announced his intention to vote for the financial bill. In response to unfavorable references which had been made to gold Democrats, Mr. Clayton said there were many of that belief in New York, and the number was growing constantly. Others who spoke for the bill were Messrs Sulloway of New Hampshire, Bingham of Pennsylvania, Mudd of Maryland and Minor of Wisconsin. Those who spoke against the bill were Robinson of Nebraska, Thomas of North Carolina, Lloyd of Missouri, Snodgrass of Tennessee, Rucker of Missouri, Robb of Missouri, Davenport of Pennsylvania, Lamb of Virginia, Caldwell of Illinois, Stephens of Texas, Gordon of Ohio and Neville of Nebraska. At 10:15 the house adjourned.

In the Senate.
The practical completion of the senate committee for the Fifty-sixth congress were announced officially by Mr. Aldrich of Rhode Island. He presented to the senate an order fixing the committees and it was adopted without dissent. A few vacancies in the minority representation are yet to be filled. They will be disposed of in a few days. No other business of importance was transacted by the senate.

Washington, Dec. 18. — The six-day debate upon the currency bill closed Saturday in a sensational manner. The Republican leaders had evidently set a trap for the minority to show that discord existed on the money question, and it was timed so as to make the scene as dramatic as possible.

Just at the close of the debate three of the heavy-weights—Gen. Grosvenor of Ohio, Mr. Pezall of Pennsylvania and Mr. Doilver of Iowa—were put forward to call the attention of the country to the fact that in the long debate very little had been heard about free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 from the minority side of the house, and that not one had offered an amendment containing such a proposition. Mr. Grosvenor said it was one of the signs of the coming regeneration of the Democratic party. Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, indignantly denied any intention of abandoning silver and called attention to the fact that under the special order under which the house was operating, neither a substitute nor a motion to recommit was in order.

Then Mr. Dalzell challenged a member of the opposition to a free coinage amendment. In response half the Democratic membership rose and demanded the privilege, but here and there was an Eastern Democrat shouting his disapproval.

There were shouts of "bluff" from the Democratic side, but the Republicans, after the parliamentary obstacle had been removed through Mr. Overstreet, who was in charge of the bill, asked unanimous consent for an amendment to the rule to permit the amendment to be offered. Then Mr. Driggs and Mr. Levy, two New York Democrats, blocked the game with objections.

No amendments were offered to the bill and only one section of the bill was read. The whole time was occupied in five-minute speeches. The incidents of the day were a sensational speech by Mr. Lentz (Dem., Ohio) denouncing the prosecution of the war in the Philippines and charging an alliance between Great Britain and the United States to subvert liberty, one in South Africa and one in the Orient, and an attack upon the memory of ex-President Hayes by Mr. Clark (Dem., Mo.). Mr. Brown, an Ohio Republican, warmly defended the memory of Mr. Hayes.

The vote upon the currency bill will be taken immediately after the reading of the journal on Monday. Mr. Overstreet, in charge of it, says it will have 35 majority. He says 8 Democrats will vote for it and 7 will not vote either way.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The currency bill which was debated all last week

was passed yesterday by the house by a vote of 190 to 150. It had the united support of every Republican in the house and of eleven Democrats, Messrs. Clayton, Driggs, Fitzgerald, Levy, Ruppert, Scudder, Underhill and Wilson of New York, Allen of Pennsylvania, Denny of Maryland and Mr. Thayer of Massachusetts. All the other Democrats voted against the measure or were paired against it except John Walter Smith, governor-elect from Maryland, Mr. Stallings of Alabama and Gen. Joseph Wheeler of Alabama. Mr. Stallings has not been present in the house this session owing to illness, and one of his colleagues announced that if present he would have voted in the negative. Gen. Wheeler is serving in the Philippines. When the speaker announced the result the Republicans cheered lustily. After the vote the speaker rather unexpectedly announced the committee selections, and the reading of the lists was followed with intense earnestness by the members whose opportunities for distinction depends so largely upon their committee assignments. The only incident in connection with the reading of the lists was Mr. Bailey's interrogatory of the speaker as to whether Gen. Wheeler's name had been placed upon the committee on ways and means. Speaker Henderson responded in the negative. Announcement of the death of the late Representative Bland of Missouri, which occurred last summer, caused an early adjournment.

In the Senate.
What the senate may accomplish in the way of legislation for the Philippines during the present session is problematical, but that the question will be thoroughly discussed is indicated by the number of resolutions bearing upon it introduced. In opposition to the retention by the United States of the Philippine Islands two resolutions were introduced yesterday, one by Mr. Tillman of South Carolina, and the other by Mr. Bacon of Georgia. Each resolution purports to yield the islands to a government to be established by the Filipinos themselves. Mr. Morgan of Alabama addressed the senate briefly upon the necessity of legislation to control trusts, and had his joint resolution against them referred to the judiciary committee.

HOUSE COMMITTEES.

Speaker Henderson Proceeds According to Precedent.
Washington, Dec. 19.—Speaker Henderson yesterday announced the committees of the house of representatives. It proved to have very few surprises, as the speaker preserved the time-honored custom of following precedent as to old members, leaving them in their old chairmanships and places and gradually advancing them as vacancies occur. The important new chairmanships are those of Mr. Brewster of Pennsylvania, chairman of banking and currency; Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, merchant marine and fisheries; Mr. Southard of Ohio, coinage, and Mr. Cooper of Wisconsin, the newly formed committee on insular affairs.

The new members of the ways and means committee are McCall and Long, Republicans, Newlands, Silver, and Cooper, Democrats. Appropriations and foreign affairs also get a considerable amount of new blood. Military affairs has the largest new membership, six Republicans and three Democrats. The membership of the insular committee is notable in being a "committee of chairmen," the heads of ways and means, appropriations, foreign affairs, commerce, post-offices, etc., being represented also on this committee. The new members of the house receive full consideration from the speaker, although following custom, they necessarily take the lower places on the committees. The Democratic members receive fewer places than in the last congress, as the larger Democratic representation in this house compelled a reduction in the number of places for each.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Discussion in the senate of the financial measure drafted by the majority of the committee on financial affairs will begin on Thursday, Jan. 4, the day after the holiday recess. This announcement was made in the senate yesterday by Mr. Aldrich of Rhode Island, chairman of the financial affairs committee. Mr. Aldrich declared his purpose to press the measure to a passage as soon as possible. Mr. Allen of Nebraska took the oath of office.

In the House.
The house was in session two hours yesterday. A large number of perfunctory resolutions for printing, leave for committees to sit during the sessions, etc., necessary to get the committees under way were adopted and the several portions of the president's message were distributed in accordance with the usual custom. Speeches were made by Mr. Grow, the venerable ex-speaker of the house, in defense of the administration's course in the Philippines, and by Mr. Bell, a Colorado Populist, criticizing the president's utterances upon the prosperity of the country. Scores of the members left for their homes yesterday afternoon to spend the holidays.

STARS FOR LETTER CARRIERS.

A New Method of Indicating Length of Service.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The postmaster general has ordered that hereafter the length of service as letter carriers shall not be indicated on the uniform of carriers by stripes, but by stars. For five years' service they will wear one black silk star; two stars for ten years; one red silk star for fifteen years and two for twenty; one silver star for twenty-five years, two for thirty; one gold star for thirty-five and two for forty.

Mother and Two Children Cremated.
Conway, Ark., Dec. 21.—Yesterday near Greenbrier the residence of Geo. Roberts was burned and his wife and two small children were cremated. Mrs. Roberts was ill and the children were too small to give the alarm. Mr. Roberts was away from home.

Fire Causes \$150,000 Loss.
Florence, S. C., Dec. 21.—Fire yesterday destroyed the Florence hotel, the Bank of Florence, the opera house, the city hall. These are the principal business houses in the heart of the city. Loss, \$150,000; partly insured.

News of the Northwest

GRAY AND BRIGGS.

Developments in the Tragic Episode on the Fargo Bridge.

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 20.—In searching William Gray, the man who was shot by Chief Murphy of Moorhead, a lot of jewelry, in addition to the burglars' tools, was found on his person. Among the articles were some rings stolen a week ago when the office of Undertaker Rice was burglarized. The man arrested with Gray is Ed Briggs of St. Cloud. He denies complicity in the robbery, but states he heard the burglary planned. Briggs is under indictment on a charge of grand larceny in Benton county, Minn., and the officials will be here for him. Murphy rested comfortably yesterday, and there has been little inflammation. The injuries to Gray are of a less serious nature than first supposed, as the bullet took a downward course into his jaw instead of entering his brain, as at first thought.

RECKLESS SHOOTING.

One Man Kills Another While He Is Slaughtering a Bullock.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Alex Clarge, late of Brandon, was shot and instantly killed at Stevenson, B. C., by a man named Jones. Clarke was holding a bullock for Jones to shoot, but the bullet missed the animal and entered Clarke's forehead. The evidence before the coroner's jury showed that the shooting was accidental, but grossly reckless. After shooting Clarke Jones shot the bullock and commenced the skinning operations. Mr. Webber, the employer of the two men, appeared excitedly on the scene with the words, "You've killed Clarke!" Jones glanced at the dead man and said: "Get somebody to take him away," and went on with his work. The jury passed a strong censure on the authorities for allowing the discharge of firearms within the municipal limits.

SWIFT TO CONVICT.

Burglar in Prison Within Forty-Eight Hours of His Crime.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 20.—Max Groger pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary and was sentenced to two and one-half years at Waupun. Groger, whose home is in Dubuque, is a young man who has been engaged in cooking at hotels and restaurants about town. He was arrested in W. N. Grashy's jewelry store about 1 o'clock Sunday morning with his pockets filled with gold watches, jewelry, opera glasses, etc. The stuff was all recovered by the police. Groger said he merely wanted a few Christmas presents for his girl, had no money and had to steal them. He begins his sentence within forty-eight hours after the commission of the crime.

CLEARING A COLLEGE DEBT.

A Conditional Gift of \$50,000 to the Yankton Institution.

Yankton, S. D., Dec. 20.—Some time since a Mr. Pierson of Chicago promised Yankton college a donation of \$50,000, provided the present college debt of \$30,000 was paid by March 1, 1900. In view of this generous offer President Warren and others connected with the institution have been hard at work intent upon raising the \$30,000 with which to pay the present debt, and thus avail themselves of Mr. Pierson's offer. Up to date the sum of \$19,000 has been raised, and the prospects are very flattering for the raising of the balance by March 1.

WASHBURN'S ROAD.

Damages of \$1,000 Awarded for Right of Way.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 20.—The district court has adjourned after trying the condemnation cases for the right of way of the Bismarck, Washburn & Fort Buford Railway company. The last case tried was that against W. E. Breen and the jury awarded the defendant damages of \$600. The total amount of damages awarded in the cases tried is about \$1,000.

PLANKTON BANK CASE.

Court Sustains the Writ for Removal of Assignee Bean.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 20.—The supreme court has decided the Plankton bank case against Judge Johnson and in favor of a majority of the creditors. The writ is imperative under which Capt. I. M. Bean is removed as assignee of the bank and Henry Herman is appointed. The bank assets still outstanding are said to reach \$250,000.

Judgment for Loss of a Father.

Clark, S. D., Dec. 20.—In the case of the minor children of Peter Nordin against Kjos & Bjornethum, the jury returned a verdict for \$3,000 in favor of the plaintiffs. This is the action brought by the children for the loss of their father through drink and to which the jury say by their verdict that the defendants contributed. A similar case against T. Brown and his bondsmen was dismissed on account of an error in the pleadings.

Good Railway Accommodation.

Fort Dodge, Iowa, Dec. 19.—The new time card received of the north talked of train service over the Fort Dodge & Omaha, the 141 miles' extension of the Illinois Central, announces that complete passenger and train service goes into effect at noon to-day. The passenger service, which is the finest on the whole Illinois Central line, will connect Council Bluffs with all through lines leaving Omaha.

Mandan Saloons Closed Up.

Mandan, N. D., Dec. 20.—Four of the twelve saloons here were closed last night on injunctions under the prohibition law. Their supplies were seized. The papers were prepared on complaint of Mrs. O'Leary of Mandan.

Bismarck Fire.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 20.—The residence of W. H. Sanderson was destroyed by fire yesterday. The origin of the fire was unknown. The loss will be about \$2,000, covered by insurance.

WHAT AILS THE HOGS?

Winona Mystified Over an Apparently New Disorder.

Winona, Minn., Dec. 21.—A peculiar disease has been discovered among a lot of hogs brought into the city by Leonard Hill, a farmer, and sold to a butcher. The disease did not show until the animal had been killed and scraped. Then it was seen that there were great blotches of red on the skin, in some cases covering almost the entire animal. The local health department was notified and the live hogs were quarantined, while those that had been killed were condemned and sent to the glue factory. Local physicians and veterinarians were unable to analyze the diseased pork, and portions of the lungs have been sent to the state authorities at St. Paul. The disease does not seem to be cholera.

Frightful Experience.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 20.—Ole Anderson, a prominent farmer living near Menno, had a terrible experience which will in all probability cause his death. He left Menno Sunday evening on horseback for home. Failing to put in an appearance there searching parties set out and after an all-night search found him lying near the highway. His horse had evidently thrown and injured him so badly that he was unable to help himself, and was compelled to lie on the ground all night with the temperature hovering around zero. When discovered he was unable to utter a sound. His hands and feet were frozen solid and will have to be amputated in the event that he lives.

Killed by a Fall.

Alexandria, Minn., Dec. 21.—While driving to his home in Leaf Valley from Brandon, Carl Rye, a German farmer, was thrown from his wagon and killed. He had broken his wagon pole, which some passing friends had helped him to tie up, but this gave way at a dangerous point in the road and the pole dropped to the ground and stopped the wagon, throwing him off. From appearances he was instantly killed. A post-mortem examination was held by Coroner Hensel.

Whole Family Asphyxiated.

St. Paul, Dec. 21.—The sixteen-year-old son of Charles S. Potter awoke yesterday morning to find the house full of coal gas. He just had strength to reach the house of a neighbor, when, after knocking at the door, he fell unconscious. His father, mother and brother were found unconscious in their beds. Physicians, after working three hours over them, said they would all recover.

Admitted to Ball.

Brainerd, Minn., Dec. 21.—Joseph Beaulieu and Tuffel Lacroix, who were arraigned in the municipal court on Friday last, charged with the robbery of the McGees at St. Matthias on the 28th of August, 1897, and whose examination is to be held here Friday, were admitted to ball in the sum of \$2,500 each, three prominent business men of Brainerd becoming their sureties.

Wisconsin Football Finances.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 21.—Manager Fisher's report on football games of the Wisconsin university team was given to the auditing committee last night. The report shows the total receipts handled to be \$27,287.85, and the expenditures at \$24,981.04, leaving a balance of \$2,306.81. The game with Michigan brought the largest returns, the amount being \$5,221.52.

To "Ride" All Winter.

Winona, Minn., Dec. 21.—The city council has established a precedent which will, no doubt, be followed by other cities in the state. It provided for the clearing of a bicycle path on one of the streets which extends through the entire length of the city, so that workmen going to and from work may have a place to ride all winter.

Dewey's Visit to Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Dec. 20.—City Clerk Edward Schuegel has received a letter from Admiral Dewey acknowledging the city's invitation to visit Milwaukee. The hero of Manila states that he cannot state definitely whether he can come or not immediately after visiting Chicago, adding, "but the matter will be borne in mind for careful consideration in the future."

Eckert Found Guilty.

Waukegan, Wis., Dec. 21.—The jury in the Eckert murder case yesterday found George Eckert guilty of murder in the second degree and recommended mercy of the court. Eckert killed his wife by shooting her on Aug. 25 last while in a jealous rage.

Comports With His Name.

Hill City, S. D., Dec. 21.—A Baring Gould, who has been operating in the mining districts around this city, has received word that a brother has left him a large fortune at the old home in England. Mr. Gould left immediately for England.

The Mississippi Tightening.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 21.—The ice stopped running shortly before noon yesterday and the river is well closed, with the usual stage of four feet. Conditions are excellent for safe crossing if the weather remains cold a few days.

Farmer Loses His Home.

Glyndon, Minn., Dec. 21.—The dwelling house of O. G. Thordved, a farmer living about four miles northwest of here, was destroyed by fire. It was a total loss with the exception of a little furniture. No insurance.

Jerome Benson Dead.

Hastings, Minn., Dec. 21.—Jerome Benson, an old and well known farmer of Cottage Grove, Washington county, died from pneumonia, aged seventy-three years. He leaves a wife, one son and two daughters.

MINNESOTA ITEMS

Two young men were drowned near Mora, Minn.

Flax: it is expected at Duluth, will reach \$2 a bushel.

Fire destroyed two buildings at the St. Cloud reformatory.

Claus A. Blixt, life convict for the Gling murder, has applied for a pardon.

St. Paul secures the National Republican league convention, to be held in July.

The Retail Merchants' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Minnesota has been organized.

Moorhead city warrants, worth 75 cents a year ago, are selling now for 90 cents on the dollar.

Rev. Samuel T. Sterrett, formerly chaplain of the Minnesota house of representatives, died recently in California.

John F. Moser died at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Lesetta Moser, at Hastings, after an illness of three weeks.

The indictments against Louis F. Menage, of Guaranty Loan fame, Minneapolis, have been nolleed and he is at liberty.

John Mahew and William Mattheson, convicts at the state prison, were adjudged insane, and will be sent to Rochester.

Edward Reidal and Anton Jacobson, convicted in Minneapolis of swindling in 1898, have been released from the prison at Stillwater by pardon.

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The district court is in session at Moorhead, Judge Searle presiding. The grand jury has brought in several indictments, most of them being for selling intoxicating liquors without license in various parts of the county. For this offense Mary Pratt of Ulen was indicted; Charles Douglas, Constock; Olaus Anderson, Glyndon; John Hayes, Glyndon. Mary Pratt pleaded not guilty, all the others admitting their guilt.

Fire in Mrs. S. C. Seavey's millinery store at Austin spread to the adjoining millinery store of Mrs. Cotter and daughter. Both stocks were practically ruined. The buildings were owned by Lyman D. Baird. Loss \$400; insurance, \$1,000. Mrs. Cotter and daughter, loss \$1,000, insurance \$500. Mrs. Seavey was insured for \$2,500, which fully covers her loss. The origin of the fire is unknown.

C. E. Thayer of Minneapolis, accompanied by William Carver and J. P. Brandon, was in Duluth recently working on preliminary plans for the foundation of a large steel grain elevator to be erected on Rice Point, near the new Peavey system. Property enough for a big elevator system was purchased in the name of Mr. Thayer from George C. Howe. The promoters of the elevator project are not known to Duluth people.

The district court at Owatonna has finished the cases on the criminal calendar. Frank Coddington, indicted for grand larceny in the first degree, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the state reformatory. Frank McConnell, indicted for assault in the second degree, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the reformatory. Gustave Brown, indicted for burglary in the third degree, was given eighteen months at Stillwater. Vincent Miles, indicted for grand larceny in the second degree, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to state's prison for three years. Miles broke jail last March, hence the severity of the sentence.

The weather for the past week has been quite satisfactory to the loggers in Beltrami county, though there is as yet no snow for hauling operations. The nights are colder, and the lakes and marshes are gradually freezing up. More than 200,000,000 feet of logs are already skidded, it is estimated, and 200,000,000 more will be cut before the winter is over. In the last ninety days over 8,000 men have gone into the woods from this point and over 4,000 horses, and the streets of the town are still full of men coming and going from and to the lumber camps.

Short Road to Popularity.
Hingso—That doctor is very popular with society people.
Jingso—Yes, he gives Latin and Greek names to sick headaches and the like.—Syracuse Herald.

The Typewriter Invention.
A statistician has proven that the invention of the typewriter has given employment to 500,000 people, but he fails to state how many cases of weak stomachs it has induced. All people of sedentary occupation need Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It helps nature to bear the strain which ensues from confinement.

Ahead.
Brokeleigh—He called me a scamp, but I have the best of him.
Stokeleigh—How so?
Brokeleigh—I owe him \$10.—New York World.

PATENTS.

List of Patents Issued Last Week to Northwestern Inventors.

Lucien B. Knight, Minneapolis, Minn., hammer; Stiles Lindersmith, St. Paul, Minn., portable steam boiler; Edwin H. Montgomery, St. Paul, Minn., rotary engine; Dighton A. Robinson, Minneapolis, Minn., subdivision of grain bins; Dighton A. Robinson, Minneapolis, Minn., and M. Toltz, St. Paul, Minn., grain bin; Wilbra Swett, Minneapolis, Minn., acetylene gas generator; Walter Thexton, Duluth, Minn., copying press; Frank F. Thill, Wheaton, Minn., draft-calculation.

Marwin, Lethrop & Johnson, Patent Attorneys, 911 & 912 Pioneer Press Bldg., St. Paul.

Not Good Kickers.

I never heard but one Porto Rican man make a kick about anything. I was sitting on the hotel veranda at Ponce one day when a merchant came down the street to see me. There was a vicious bull tearing about the street and the animal got after the merchant and ran him a block and gave him a toss which landed him on the veranda, almost at my feet. Of course I went to his assistance, thinking him seriously hurt, but it turned out that he had come off almost without a bruise. I began to congratulate him over his escape, but he interrupted me with: "Senor, I like it not. The bull should have rolled me into the ditch instead of tossing me up here. Never before was I tossed upon this veranda, and can't make it out."—Washington Post.

The Cause of Chapped Hands.
Much of the discomfort experienced from chapped hands in cold weather is due to washing with inferior soap, the ingredients being poisonous to the skin. It is therefore important to have pure soap. If warm rain water and ivory soap are used in washing the hands, they will be smooth and white at all seasons. ELIZA R. PARKER.

Stage Hero.

At this moment something came hurtling from the gallery and narrowly missed the gifted tragedian.

Instantly he advanced to the footlights.

"That is a game," he said in a deep voice, "that two can play at."

And he took an egg from his pocket and threw it with all his might.

It struck one of the pillars of the gallery and scattered itself impartially over fifteen or twenty hoodlums.

He took out another egg, but he did not have to throw it. The first one had done the business.

Recipe for clearing a gallery: Same as for clearing a pot of coffee. Use an egg.—Chicago Tribune.

FITS Permanently Cured.

No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE 2500 trial bottle and treatise. DR. H. K. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

New Artificial Paving Stone.

A new artificial paving stone is made in Germany. It is composed of coal tar, sulphur and chlorate of lime. The tar is mixed with the sulphur and warmed thoroughly and the lime is added to the semi-liquid mass. After cooling this product is broken fine and furnace slag. The blocks are then subjected to a pressure of 3,000 pounds to the square inch.

THE GRIP CURE THAT DOES CURE.

Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets remove the cause that produces La Grippe. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

It Might.

"The Bible speaks about someone running and reading," remarked Mr. Northside to Mr. Shadyside.

"So it does."

"If it spoke about someone running and writing, it might be regarded as an allusion to Aguinaldo."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

My doctor said I would die, but Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me.—Amos Kelter, Cherry Valley, Ill., Nov. 23, '95.

If you have never been called a crank you have attracted but little attention in this world.

Some people are like circus bills; a very little money causes them to be stuck up.

There is poetry in flowers, but the verse makers fight shy of the chrysanthemum.

The output of the East India cotton mills last year was in excess of the demand.

When a wise man lends money to a relative he always gets double security.

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Rheumatism Sciatica, Neuralgia, DROPS LA GRIPPE and CATARRHS

If all knew what thousands know of the efficacy of "5 TRADE MARK DROPS" as a Curative as well as a Preventive of any Ache or Pain known to the human body, there would not be a family in all America without a bottle of "5 DROPS!" Send for trial bottle, 25c, or large bottle, containing 300 doses, \$1.00, 6 bottles for \$5. SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 160-164 E. Lake St., Chicago, Ill.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS and a happy new year to all our readers.

If this weather continues it will be a green Christmas after all.

NINE congressmen will be about the number accorded Minnesota after the new census.

If you want to make a real "warm" Christmas present from a benevolent standpoint send some needy family a cord of wood.

REPORTS from Spain show that the general shaking up she got from Uncle Sam did her good and great improvements in the financial condition of that country are noted.

He's a mighty mean citizen, be he governor or civilian, who would publicly petition the throne of grace for the downfall of our soldiers and the defeat of our government.

CASS LAKE's new paper, the Voice, an exponent of republican principles and published by A. G. Bernard, has been received and is a credit to the new metropolis of Northern Minnesota.

How really bad Charlie Towne must suffer on account of the prosperous condition of the country. He says "this present prosperity is a bubble that is going to collapse in a few months."

WHEN a brokerage concern promises you a return of from 50 to 500 per cent on investments put them down as swindlers. Good sense should teach us that such returns are unreasonable.

JUDGE COLLINS has withdrawn from the gubernatorial race and the other fellows breathe easier. If the republican convention was to be held at the present time Van Sant would win in a canter.

SOME of the Verndale ladies who patronized a fake medicine show dentist last week now wish they hadn't. Several of them are "laid up for repairs" as the Sun puts it and are in quite a serious condition.

ST. CLOUD's street car line is tied up for ten days on account of the power company refusing to furnish the push and pull necessary to operate it. The owners of the line were putting in an operating plant of their own but failed to have it completed when promised, Dec. 15th.

THE government spent \$2,122,005.28 for coal during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, which covered most of the war with Spain. The coal used during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, although the cost per ton averaged \$1.29 more than was paid the year before, cost \$1,679,510.55.

DURING the past three years of republican rule about \$400,000,000 has been added to the money supply of the country. This is an argument which the free silverites will find it difficult to get around. The easiest way for them will be to say that it is a lie, as they generally do when confronted by incontrovertible facts.

"THE fusion candidate for governor be John Lind or anybody else, has no more chance for an election in 1900 than Satan has to enter the kingdom of Heaven," foolishly remarks the St. Paul Herald. It's policy to keep a stiff upper lip but the Herald has a habit of overdoing things. There isn't much doubt of the election of a republican governor in 1900, but there's work ahead in order to accomplish that end. Don't forget that for a minute.

For many years Gen. Lawton, who was killed near Manila, has been one of the most popular of generals of the United States. He was a gallant soldier and had won especial distinction in Indian wars.

THE military post at Walker, which has been maintained since the day when Maj. Wilkinson and other soldiers lost their lives at Sugar Point, is to be abandoned. The decision was made yesterday, Capt. Mercer, the Indian agent having recommended it stating that there is no longer necessity for maintaining a regular garrison.

NEBRASKA democrats are sore over the appointment of Populist Allen to the United States senate and charge Bryan with being instrumental in bringing it about. Bryan has been supreme in the fusion party of his state since 1896 but when it comes to a show down he is a populist and his democratic friends are beginning to find him out.

VAN SANT's loyalty to the republican party and his unceasing toil for it's success in Minnesota, at times when the faith of it's most staunch friends under similar circumstances would have been shaken, will undoubtedly win for him the nomination for governor now that Judge Collins is out of the race. If Van Sant is nominated he will be elected, and here's hoping that his nomination will be unanimous.

THE Brainerd Arena has been sold—this is an absolute fact and is vouched for by Bro. Beard himself, and this week's issue of the paper comes to our desk with the names of W. S. Cox and Robert Clouston, as publishers. The announcement is made that under the new management the paper will be democratic in politics. There certainly should be a field for one live paper of that persuasion in a city of 10,000 people and we bespeak for the gentlemen a share of the prosperity that the entire northwest, and the whole country for that matter, is being blessed with—even if it is republican prosperity. Our best wishes are extended the publishers of the Arena for success in their venture.

A BILL has been introduced by Senator Nelson providing that the large tract of lands set aside by presidential proclamation in 1881 for reservoir purposes shall be restored to the public domain and made subject to homestead settlement. A large amount of this land lies along the upper Mississippi. These were originally set aside by President Arthur in November, 1881, with the expectations that dams would be built and the land overflowed for the facilitating of logging operations. Now, these lands, either not having served the purpose, Senator Nelson proposes that they be restored to the uses of the people and made subject to homestead entry, says the News-Tribune. One of the provisions of the law, which is calculated to head off men known as "sooners" who squat on land before it has been formally declared open to settlement is "that any man who gets in before the day mentioned shall acquire no rights under the provisions of the law." The restoration of sequestered lands to public settlement is a meritorious measure.

Done More Than All Three.

A staff correspondent of Harper's Weekly writes to his paper regarding political conditions in this congressional district as follows:

The Sixth Minnesota district has had some experience along that line. S. G. Comstock of Moorhead, who would have been a most efficient member had he been kept in congress, was retired after one term, and Kittle Halverson gives a chance for two years to draw a M. C.'s salary and mileage. Major Baldwin of Duluth, next wasted two more years at Washington, and C. A. Towne was sent down. Towne turned traitor to his party and his constituents would have no more of him. Page Morris was elected and re-elected. He has certainly done more for the district than all three of his predecessors combined. A third term would mean more power for him to serve his district. That he is gaining a good position is clearly evident to those who watch the doings of congress.

Holiday Stock Complete.

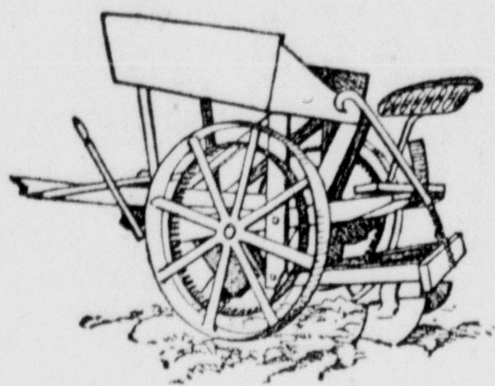
Our holiday stock is now in and ready for inspection, consisting of pictures framed and unframed, mouldings, etc. We have some very fine gems of art and will be pleased to have the public call and look the stock over whether with a view of buying or not. LOSEY & DEAN.

FARM AND GARDEN

INDOOR WINTER WORK.

A Potato Planter—Cost \$1.50 and Three Days' Time—How It Operates.
The potato planter shown in the cut has been in use in this neighborhood for three years, says a Rural New Yorker correspondent. It cost me \$1.50 and three days' time and works as satisfactorily as a \$50 or \$60 machine. An old mowing machine frame and wheels from the fence corner of one neighbor, a spring seat, a lifting lever and several old castings from a discarded binder of another, a pair of hillers from an old wooden frame, five tooth cultivator, a new shovel plow point from the store, some nails, bolts and a little old lumber were the materials.

The wheels are placed as far apart as I desired the rows of potatoes to be, so as to use the wheel mark for a guide, avoiding the use of a marker.



HOMEMADE POTATO PLANTER.

The shovel plow is bolted to a solid 3 by 3 piece about two feet long, the other end of which is placed solidly against the under side of the tongue and hinged so that it can be raised and lowered by a lever to which the point is attached by a chain. The lever is shown just in front of the wheel and near the whiffletrees. A rude box of three or four bushels' capacity is built between and over the wheels, slanting toward the seat, so that, as the potatoes are used out of the rear end, those remaining will roll toward the operator, always keeping within his easy reach. A spout or tube four or five inches square leads from the rear of the box to the furrow behind the plow.

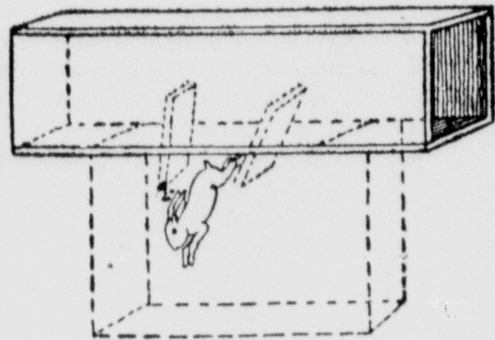
The operator sits at his ease on the spring seat, picking up the potatoes and dropping them at regular intervals into the spout. I find it works better to take only one piece in the hand at a time, dropping in the spout with one hand while reaching after a seed piece with the other. The spout is followed by the covers, which leave the ground slightly ridged over the seed. A cross harrowing just before the sprouts begin to show leaves the ground level and in fine condition.

The front end of the frame to which the covers are attached is hinged to the two rear upright pieces which support the box. A lever is beside the seat to raise and lower the covers at the end of the rows. The cover frame should be hung low at the front end, and the hillers must be set just the right distance apart and at just the right angle.

A little trouble arose at first in this respect. One seed piece when dropped would stop just where it first touched the ground and the next one might roll or jump ahead a foot or more, thus making them lie at unequal distances when dropped evenly in point of time. This was overcome by nailing to the front and sides of the lower end of the spout a piece of an old rubber bootleg which touched the bottom of the furrow. Then the seed had to stay right where it dropped.

A man to drive the team and to raise and lower the plow at the ends, another man to feed the machine and operate the lever which controls the covers and a team which walks not too rapidly can mark, furrow, drop and cover five or six acres in a day. The machine does not work satisfactorily on hilly land. It will work up or down the hill all right, but going sideways it is inclined to slide.

Automatic Rabbit Trap.
The sketch of an automatic rabbit trap is furnished to the Iowa Homestead by a correspondent, who says:



A RABBIT TRAP.

"It is a rapid firing gun and catches both going and coming and always resets itself. A hole should be dug in the ground to receive a box or barrel and deep enough so the top is just even with the surface of the ground. The trap is then placed on the box with the fall doors directly over it. Cover the sides of the box on each side of the trap and throw a few weeds or brush over it all, leaving the ends of the trap uncovered, and your work is complete. No bait is required. The rabbits are attracted by the brush heap, and when once there they see the opening and try to pass through it and are trapped. To make the trap take two boards 1 by 8, 3 3/4 or four feet long, for the sides and two boards 1 by 4, 4 feet long, for the top and bottom. The top and sides should be nailed together first, then saw the bottom board, leaving the fall doors each about a foot long. Do not saw square across, but leave a bevel, so that the doors will catch when they fall back in place."

For Sale.

One 100 H. P. Ideal Engine. Two 125 H. P. Tubular Boilers. Heater, steam pump, every thing complete. First class condition.
One 35 H. H. engine. One 35 H. P. Tubular boiler.
One 3 H. P. upright engine. One 3 H. P. vertical tubular boiler. For particulars address
FRED S. PARKER, Brainerd, Minn.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that my wife, Lettie V. Bartlett, has left my bed and board without any just cause, and all persons are forbidden to trust her on my account, as I shall pay no debts of her contracting.
THOMAS H. BARTLETT.
Dated Dec. 20th, 1899.

Bids for County Physician.

Sealed bids marked "county physician" for the medical treatment of the county poor, such treatment to include surgery and medicine, for the ensuing year, will be received at the County Auditor's office up to January 1, 1900. The board of county commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

A. MAHLUM, County Auditor.

Bids for County Printing.

Sealed bids for the county legal printing for the ensuing year will be received at the County Auditor's office up to January 1, 1900. The board of county commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

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Bids for Wood.

Sealed bids for the delivery at the county jail of 25 cords each of dry tamarack and green jack pine wood on or before February 1st next, will be received at the County Auditor's office up to January 1st, 1900. The board of county commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

A. MAHLUM, County Auditor.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
County of Crow Wing,
District Court, 15th Judicial District.

NOTICE.
In the matter of the application of the Brainerd and Northern Minnesota Railway Company, under the statutes of the State of Minnesota, to condemn, take, acquire and use certain lands in Crow Wing County for railway purposes.

To Helmer Guest, J. E. Carpenter, Brainerd Water Power Company, a corporation, State of Minnesota, Northern Pacific Railroad Company, Charles F. Kindred, Casper Carlson, A. L. Hoffman, Patrick Hefferen, Thomas Hefferen, John E. Chisholm, Andrew J. Johnson, Farmers Loan and Trust Company, W. S. McLenahan, as receiver of the Mississippi Water Power & Boom Company, Ambrose Tighe, Jeremiah J. Howe, Sumner W. Farnham, J. H. Shibley, Florence Field Caven, United States of America, and to all other persons, parties and corporations, interested in the lands, property or estate hereinafter mentioned, or any part thereof, and their and each of their attorney or attorneys:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that the undersigned having been duly appointed, on the 12th day of September A. D. 1899, commissioners in the above entitled proceeding to ascertain and determine the compensation to be made by said petitioner, Brainerd and Northern Minnesota Railway Company, to each of the owners, encumbrancers or other persons interested in the lands described in the petition for their said application, in said proceedings, which petition is on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the County of Crow Wing, and State of Minnesota, aforesaid, have duly made and filed with the said clerk of said district court in said county of Crow Wing, their report, assessment and award of damages, to the owners of and persons interested in said lands, by reason of the taking or injuriously affecting the same for the use of said Railway Company.

And you, and each of you, are further notified, that said report, assessment and award is now on file in the office of the Clerk of said District Court, in said County of Crow Wing, and State of Minnesota.
Dated this 19th day of December, A. D. 1899.
J. M. ELDER,
HENRY SPALDING,
A. T. KIMBALL,
Commissioners.

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Proceedings in Bankruptcy.

NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS.

In the District Court of the United States for the Fifth Division District of Minnesota.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the matter of Joseph J. Howe, Bankrupt, In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Joseph J. Howe, of Brainerd, in the County of Crow Wing, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given, that on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1899, the said Joseph J. Howe was duly adjudged bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at City Hall in City of Little Falls, Minnesota, on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

CRAWFORD, SHELTON,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
Little Falls, Minnesota, Dec. 15, 1899.

Notice of Expiration of Redemption Period.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
County of Crow Wing,
To FARNHAM & LOVEJOY.

TAKE NOTICE.
That the following described piece or parcel of land, situated in the County of Crow Wing, and State of Minnesota, to-wit: SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4, of Section 6, Township 46 Range 28, was on the 17th day of May, A. D. 1894, bid in for the State for the sum of seven dollars and ninety cents pursuant to a real estate tax judgment rendered in the District Court in the said County of Crow Wing, on the 21st day of March, A. D. 1894, in proceedings to enforce payment of taxes delinquent upon real estate, for the year 1893, for said County of Crow Wing, and was on the 23d day of November, A. D. 1899, sold by the State of Minnesota, for Fifty-three dollars and thirty nine cents. That the amount required to redeem such lands from such sale, exclusive of the costs to accrue upon this notice, is the said sum of Fifty-three dollars and Thirty-nine Cents, with interest thereon at the rate of one per cent per month from said 23d day of Nov. 1899, to the time of such redemption, and delinquent taxes, penalties and costs accruing subsequent to said sale with interest thereon to the time of such redemption; and the time within which said land can be redeemed from said sale will expire sixty days after service of this notice and proof thereof has been filed in manner prescribed by Section 37, of Chapter 6, General Laws of Minnesota, for the year 1877 and amendments thereto.

Dated at Brainerd this 16th day of December A. D. 1899.

A. MAHLUM,
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Notice of Final Proof.

Land Office at St. Cloud, Minn.,
November 29th, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of District Court, at Brainerd, Minn., on Saturday, January 13, 1900, viz: Christina Shupe, H. E. No. 16118, for the SW 1/4 and W 1/2 SW 1/4, Section 32, Township 138, Range 29.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: William Mohler, Albert E. Hardy, William Good, John Good, P. O. address of all Cross Lake, Crow Wing Co., Minn.

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to all Parts of the City.

Bids for Wood Wanted.

Bids will be received by the undersigned up to December 25th, for the delivery at the Northern Pacific foundry in this city of 600 cords of green body jack pine wood. Wood to be delivered during the winter.

PARKER & TOPPING,
Brainerd, Dec. 7, 1899.

We will store your bicycle free of charge for the winter and will clean it up in good shape for \$1.00.

A. L. HOFFMAN,
tf. Corner of 6th and Laurel.

Remember Opsahl's photographs took first prize at the late fair.

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WHEN a brokerage concern promises you a return of from 50 to 500 per cent on investments put them down as swindlers. Good sense should teach us that such returns are unreasonable.

JUDGE COLLINS has withdrawn from the gubernatorial race and the other fellows breathe easier. If the republican convention was to be held at the present time Van Sant would win in a canter.

SOME of the Verndale ladies who patronized a fake medicine show dentist last week now wish they hadn't. Several of them are "laid up for repairs" as the Sun puts it and are in quite a serious condition.

ST. CLOUD'S street car line is tied up for ten days on account of the power company refusing to furnish the push and pull necessary to operate it. The owners of the line were putting in an operating plant of their own but failed to have it completed when promised, Dec. 15th.

THE government spent \$2,122,005.28 for coal during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, which covered most of the war with Spain. The coal used during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, although the cost per ton averaged \$1.29 more than was paid the year before, cost \$1,679,510.55.

DURING the past three years of republican rule about \$400,000,000 has been added to the money supply of the country. This is an argument which the free silverites will find it difficult to get around. The easiest way for them will be to say that it is a lie, as they generally do when confronted by incontrovertible facts.

"THE fusion candidate for governor be he John Lind or anybody else, has no more chance for an election in 1900 than Satan has to enter the kingdom of Heaven," foolishly remarks the St. Paul Herald. It's policy to keep a stiff upper lip but the Herald has a habit of overdoing things. There isn't much doubt of the election of a republican governor in 1900, but there's work ahead in order to accomplish that end. Don't forget that for a minute.

For many years Gen. Lawton, who was killed near Manila, has been one of the most popular of generals of the United States. He was a gallant soldier and had won especial distinction in Indian wars.

THE military post at Walker, which has been maintained since the day when Maj. Wilkinson and other soldiers lost their lives at Sugar Point, is to be abandoned. The decision was made yesterday, Capt. Mercer, the Indian agent having recommended it stating that there is no longer necessity for maintaining a regular garrison.

NEBRASKA democrats are sore over the appointment of Populist Allen to the United States senate and charge Bryan with being instrumental in bringing it about. Bryan has been supreme in the fusion party of his state since 1896 but when it comes to a show down he is a populist and his democratic friends are beginning to find him out.

VAN SANT'S loyalty to the republican party and his unceasing toil for it's success in Minnesota, at times when the faith of it's most staunch friends under similar circumstances would have been shaken, will undoubtedly win for him the nomination for governor now that Judge Collins is out of the race. If Van Sant is nominated he will be elected, and here's hoping that his nomination will be unanimous.

THE Brainerd Arena has been sold—this is an absolute fact and is vouched for by Bro. Beard himself, and this week's issue of the paper comes to our desk with the names of W. S. Cox and Robert Clouston, as publishers. The announcement is made that under the new management the paper will be democratic in politics. There certainly should be a field for one live paper of that persuasion in a city of 10,000 people and we bespeak for the gentlemen a share of the prosperity that the entire northwest, and the whole country for that matter, is being blessed with—even if it is republican prosperity. Our best wishes are extended the publishers of the Arena for success in their venture.

A BILL has been introduced by Senator Nelson providing that the large tract of lands set aside by presidential proclamation in 1881 for reservoir purposes shall be restored to the public domain and made subject to homestead settlement. A large amount of this land lies along the upper Mississippi. These were originally set aside by President Arthur in November, 1881, with the expectations that dams would be built and the land overflowed for the facilitating of logging operations. Now, these lands, either not having been used for this purpose or having served the purpose, Senator Nelson proposes that they be restored to the uses of the people and made subject to homestead entry, says the News-Tribune. One of the provisions of the law, which is calculated to head off men known as "sooners" who squat on land before it has been formally declared open to settlement is "that any man who gets in before the day mentioned shall acquire no rights under the provisions of the law." The restoration of sequestered lands to public settlement is a meritorious measure.

Done More Than All Three.

A staff correspondent of Harper's Weekly writes to his paper regarding political conditions in this congressional district as follows:

The Sixth Minnesota district has had some experience along that line. S. G. Comstock of Moorhead, who would have been a most efficient member had he been kept in congress, was retired after one term, and Kittle Halverson gives a chance for two years to draw a M. C.'s salary and mileage. Major Baldwin of Duluth, next wasted two more years at Washington, and C. A. Towne was sent down. Towne turned traitor to his party and his constituents would have no more of him. Page Morris was elected and re-elected. He has certainly done more for the district than all three of his predecessors combined. A third term would mean more power for him to serve his district. That he is gaining a good position is clearly evident to those who watch the doings of congress.

Holiday Stock Complete.

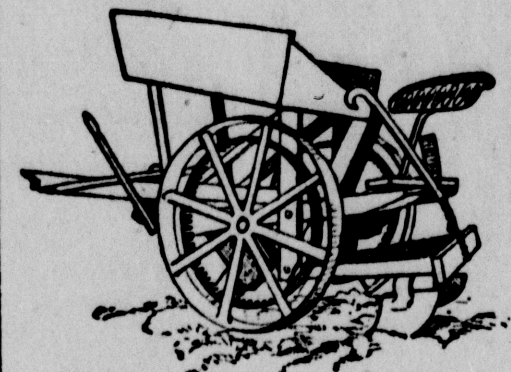
Our holiday stock is now in and ready for inspection, consisting of pictures framed and unframed, mouldings, etc. We have some very fine gems of art and will be pleased to have the public call and look the stock over whether with a view of buying or not. LOSKEY & DEAN.

FARM AND GARDEN

INDOOR WINTER WORK.

A Potato Planter—Cost \$1.50 and Three Days' Time—How it Operates. The potato planter shown in the cut has been in use in this neighborhood for three years, says a Rural New Yorker correspondent. It cost me \$1.50 and three days' time and works as satisfactorily as a \$50 or \$60 machine. An old mowing machine frame and wheels from the fence corner of one neighbor, a spring seat, a lifting lever and several old castings from a discarded binder of another, a pair of hillers from an old wooden frame, five tooth cultivator, a new shovel plow point from the store, some nails, bolts and a little old lumber were the materials.

The wheels are placed as far apart as I desired the rows of potatoes to be, so as to use the wheel mark for a guide, avoiding the use of a marker.



HOMEMADE POTATO PLANTER.

The shovel plow is bolted to a solid 3 by 3 piece about two feet long, the other end of which is placed solidly against the under side of the tongue and hinged so that it can be raised and lowered by a lever to which the point is attached by a chain. The lever is shown just in front of the wheel and near the whiffletrees. A rude box of three or four bushels' capacity is built between and over the wheels, slanting toward the seat, so that, as the potatoes are used out of the rear end, those remaining will roll toward the operator, always keeping within his easy reach. A spout or tube four or five inches square leads from the rear of the box to the furrow behind the plow.

The operator sits at his ease on the spring seat, picking up the potatoes and dropping them at regular intervals into the spout. I find it works better to take only one piece in the hand at a time, dropping in the spout with one hand while reaching after a seed piece with the other. The spout is followed by the covers, which leave the ground slightly ridged over the seed. A cross harrowing just before the sprouts begin to show leaves the ground level and in fine condition.

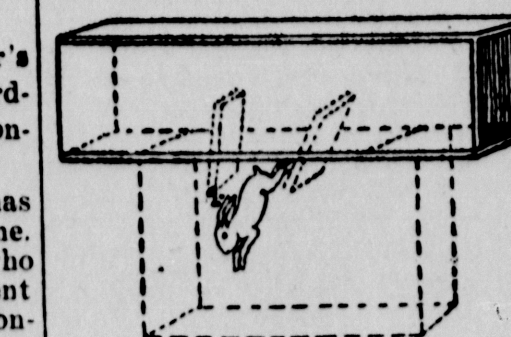
The front end of the frame to which the covers are attached is hinged to the two rear upright pieces which support the box. A lever is beside the seat to raise and lower the covers at the end of the rows. The cover frame should be hung low at the front end, and the hillers must be set just the right distance apart and at just the right angle.

A little trouble arose at first in this respect. One seed piece when dropped would stop just where it first touched the ground and the next one might roll or jump ahead a foot or more, thus making them lie at unequal distances when dropped evenly in point of time. This was overcome by nailing to the front and sides of the lower end of the spout a piece of an old rubber bootleg which touched the bottom of the furrow. Then the seed had to stay right where it dropped.

A man to drive the team and to raise and lower the plow at the ends, another man to feed the machine and operate the lever which controls the covers and a team which works not too rapidly can mark, furrow, drop and cover five or six acres in a day. The machine does not work satisfactorily on hilly land. It will work up or down the hill all right, but going sideways it is inclined to slide.

Automatic Rabbit Trap.

The sketch of an automatic rabbit trap is furnished to the Iowa Homestead by a correspondent, who says:



A RABBIT TRAP.

"It is a rapid firing gun and catches both going and coming and always resets itself. A hole should be dug in the ground to receive a box or barrel and deep enough so the top is just even with the surface of the ground. The trap is then placed on the box with the fall doors directly over it. Cover the sides of the box on each side of the trap and throw a few weeds or brush over it all, leaving the ends of the trap uncovered, and your work is complete. No bait is required. The rabbits are attracted by the brush heap, and when once there they see the opening and try to pass through it and are trapped. To make the trap take two boards 1 by 8, 3 1/2 or four feet long, for the sides and two boards 1 by 4, 4 feet long, for the top and bottom. The top and sides should be nailed together first, then saw the bottom board, leaving the fall doors each about a foot long. Do not saw square across, but leave a bevel, so that the doors will catch when they fall back in place."

For Sale.

One 100 H. P. Ideal Engine. Two 135 H. P. Tubular Boilers. Heater, steam pump, every thing complete. First class condition. One 35 H. H. engine. One 35 H. P. Tubular boiler. For particulars address FARD S. PARKER, Brainerd, Minn.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that my wife, Lottie V. Bartlett, has left my bed and board without any just cause, and all persons are forbidden to trust her on my account, as I shall pay no debts of her contracting. THOMAS H. BARTLETT. Dated Dec. 20th, 1899.

Bids for County Physician.

Sealed bids marked "county physician" for the medical treatment of the county poor, such treatment to include surgery and medicine, for the ensuing year, will be received at the County Auditor's office up to January 1st, 1900. The board of county commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

A. MAHLUM, County Auditor.

Bids for County Printing.

Sealed bids for the county legal printing for the ensuing year will be received at the County Auditor's office up to January 1st, 1900. The board of county commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

A. MAHLUM, County Auditor.

Bids for Wood.

Sealed bids for the delivery at the county jail of 25 cords each of dry jack pine and white pine wood on or before February 1st next, will be received at the County Auditor's office up to January 1st, 1900. The board of county commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

A. MAHLUM, County Auditor.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, County of Crow Wing, District Court, 15th Judicial District.

NOTICE. In the matter of the application of the Brainerd and Northern Minnesota Railway Company, under the statutes of the State of Minnesota, to condemn, take, acquire and use certain lands in Crow Wing County for Railway purposes.

To Heiera Guest, J. E. Carpenter, Brainerd Water Power Company, a corporation, State of Minnesota, Northern Pacific Railroad Company, Charles F. Kindred, Casper Carsten, A. L. Hoffman, Patrick Hefferen, Thomas Hefferen, John E. Chisholm, Andrew J. Johnson, Farmers Loan & Trust Company, W. S. McClellan, as receiver of the Mississippi Water Power & Boom Company, Ambrose Tighe, Jeremiah J. Howe, Sumner W. Farnham, J. B. Sibley, Florence Field Caven, United States of America, and to all other persons, parties and corporations, interested in said lands, property or estate hereinafter mentioned, or any part thereof, and their each of their attorneys:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that the undersigned having been duly appointed, on the 12th day of September A. D. 1899, commissioners in the above entitled proceeding to ascertain and determine the compensation to be made by said petitioner, Brainerd and Northern Minnesota Railway Company, to each of the owners, encumbrancers or other persons interested in the lands described in the petition, for their said appointment, in said proceedings, which petition is on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the County of Crow Wing, and State of Minnesota, aforesaid, have duly made and filed with the said clerk of said district court in said county of Crow Wing, their report, assessment and award of damages, to the owners of and persons interested in said lands, by reason of the taking or injuriously affecting the same for the use of said Railway Company.

And you, and each of you, are further notified, that said report, assessment and award is now on file in the office of the Clerk of said District Court, in said County of Crow Wing, and State of Minnesota.

Dated this 19th day of December, A. D. 1899. J. M. ELDER, HENRY STALLING, A. T. KIMBALL, Commissioners.

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Proceedings in Bankruptcy.

NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS.

In the District Court of the United States for the Fifth Division District of Minnesota.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the matter of Joseph J. Howe, Bankrupt, In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Joseph J. Howe, of Brainerd, in the County of Crow Wing, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1899, the said Joseph J. Howe was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at City Hall City of Little Falls, Minnesota, on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. CRAWFORD, SHELTON, Referee in Bankruptcy. Little Falls, Minnesota, Dec. 15, 1899.

Notice of Expiration of Redemption Period.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, County of Crow Wing, To FARNHAM & LOVELLOY.

TAKE NOTICE. That the following described piece or parcel of land, situated in the County of Crow Wing, State of Minnesota, to-wit: SE 1/4 NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 NW 1/4, of Section 46 Range 35, was on the 4th day of May, A. D. 1894, bid in for the State for the sum of \$8,000.00 and ninety cents pursuant to a real estate tax judgment entered in the District Court in the said County of Crow Wing, on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1894, in proceedings to enforce payment of taxes delinquent upon real estate, for the year 1892, for said County of Crow Wing, and was on the 22d day of November, A. D. 1899, sold by the State of Minnesota, for Fifty-three dollars and thirty nine cents. That the amount required to redeem such lands from such sale, exclusive of the costs of three acres upon this notice, is the said sum of Fifty-three Dollars and Thirty-nine Cents, with interest thereon at the rate of one per cent per month from said 22d day of Nov. 1899, to the time of such redemption, and delinquent taxes, penalties and costs accruing subsequent to said sale with interest thereon to the time of such redemption; and the time within which said land can be redeemed from said sale will expire sixty days after service of this notice and proof thereof has been filed in manner prescribed by Section 27, of Chapter 6, General Laws of Minnesota, for the year 1877 and amendments thereto. Dated at Brainerd this 16th day of December A. D. 1899.

A. MAHLUM, Auditor of Crow Wing County, Minnesota.

Notice of Final Proof.

Land Office at St. Cloud, Minn., November 29th, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of District Court, at Brainerd, Minn., on Saturday, January 13, 1900, viz: Maud Shupe, H. E. No. 16118, for the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 and W 1/2 SW 1/4, Section 8, Township 138, Range 29.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: William Mohler, Albert E. Hardy, William Good, John Good, F. O. address of all Cross Lake, Crow Wing Co., Minn.

M. D. TAYLOR, Register.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Glen Peck, John Waldo, Orlow J. Dane, Samuel Robinson, P. O. address of all, Brainerd, Crow Wing, M. D. TAYLOR, Register.

The McFadden Drug Co.

... Are Ready for Your ...

Christmas Trade

Among the many good things we have to offer are the following:

Comb and Brush Sets in Celluloid Cases, Ranging in Price from 90c Upwards.

Smokers' Sets, Shaving Sets,

Ladies' and Gents' Traveling Sets,

Lap Writing Tablets, Collar and Cuff Boxes,

Glove, Handkerchief and Necktie Boxes,

Comb and Brush Trays, Ebony Goods,

Cigar Jars in Crest Wave Ware,

Military Hair Brushes,

Albums, Photograph Frames,

Manicure Sets, Toilet Atomizers.

Large Line of the ...

Finest Perfumes.

We bought these goods RIGHT and are going to sell them right. You will miss it if you buy before looking over our line.

McFADDEN DRUG CO

Guns and Ammunition. C. B. WHITE, Fishing Tackle.

Contractor and Builder.

HARDWARE

A new line of Heating Stoves and Ranges

Just in. Call and see them.

Paints and Oils. I. U. WHITE, Fence Wire. MANAGER.

S. & J. W. KOOP,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

Groceries, Provisions, Flour and Feed.

Brick Manufacturer.

Railroad Ties Bought For Cash.

Goods Promptly Delivered to all Parts of the City.

Bids for Wood Wanted.

Bids will be received by the undersigned up to December 25th, for the delivery at the Northern Pacific foundry in this city of 600 cords of green body jack pine wood. Wood to be delivered during the winter.

PARKER & TOPPING, Brainerd, Dec. 7, 1899.

We will store your bicycle free of charge for the winter and will clean it up in good shape for \$1.00.

A. L. HOFFMAN, Corner of 6th and Laurel.

Remember Opsahl's photographs took first prize at the late fair.

Mexican hand carved Leather Goods, Belts, etc., at Swazart.

FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPERS.

"What Shall I Buy for a Christmas Present?"



is a question that always comes up at this season of the year and in many cases is not easily answered. We will this year undertake to solve the problem for the holiday shoppers. We have added a large line of

Holiday Goods,

bought with the idea of being the correct thing for Christmas Gifts, and a glance at our stock will convince you that you can easily select a suitable present without going further.

All Goods Guaranteed as Represented.

S. R. ADAIR, Jeweler,

SIXTH STREET,

BANK BLOCK,

In Watches

We can fit you out with any movement you desire, gold or silver cases. You will find this line of goods to be exactly as we represent and guarantee.

Mantle Clocks

In various Styles and Designs.

Bohemian Decorated Glassware.

some very handsome designs.

Cut Glass.

Some very handsome patterns and the latest designs.

Sterling Silver Novelties.

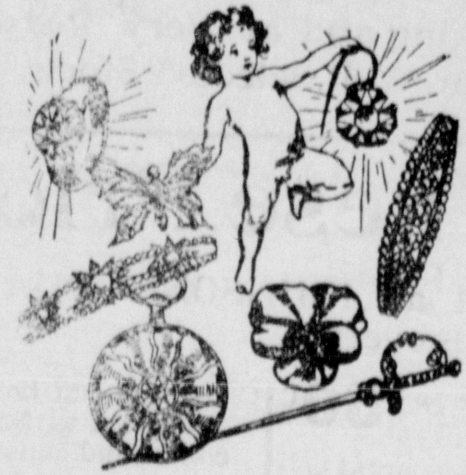
You will find something in this line of goods That will suit you.

Rings in the Latest Designs for Ladies, Gents and Children.

Sterling Silver Flat Ware,

Including Berry, Preserve, Table, Tea and Coffee Spoons, Gravy and Cream Ladles, Pie Knives, Pickle, Cold Meat and Table Forks.

Quadruple Silver Plated Ware. Silver Mounted Leather Goods. Silver Mounted Ebony Goods.



Lace Pins, Scarf Pins, Studs, Link Buttons, Bracelets, Chains of all kinds, charms and Lockets.

These goods all carry our guarantee as to quality and durability, and our prices will be found to

compare favorably with those of other dealers. Call and look us over before making your Holiday Selections.

The Brainerd Dispatch.

N. H. INGERSOLL. F. W. WIELAND.
INGERSOLL & WIELAND.

Official Paper of Crow Wing County.

Entered at the Post Office at Brainerd, Minnesota, as second class matter.

Issued every Friday morning from rooms 5, 7 and 9, Sieper block. Terms, \$1.50 per year in advance. Advertising rates made known on application.

Legal Rates for Legal Notices.
We, the undersigned, hereby agree to accept for publication in our respective newspapers during the year 1899 no legal notices or official printing to be done in compliance with the laws of Minnesota for less than the full rates allowed by law, and no reduction will be given on notices furnished in plate.
All resolutions of respect, card of thanks, and matter of similar character, will be charged for at the uniform rate of Five (5) Cents per line for every insertion.
INGERSOLL & WIELAND, Dispatch
A. J. HALSTED, Tribune.
Brainerd, Minn., Jan. 1, 1899.

16 PAGES.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1899.

INTERESTING NEWS NOTES.

Gathered from Exchanges and Boiled Down for Dispatch Readers.

H. C. Stivers is now engaged in getting out a 24-page paper containing a write up of Bemidji and Beltrami county.

At Opsahl's studio they do nothing else but make photographs.

Sealskins have advanced 40 per cent and diamonds are out of sight. People in the ordinary walks of life will not mind the advanced however.

Don't forget to call on Swartz for Holiday Goods and save your cash by so doing.

Grover Cleveland is confined to his home with rheumatism but the announcement is not made in the press in bold faced type. Grover is but a very ordinary citizen now.

One of those satin etchings or steel engravings make a beautiful Christmas gift, 50 and 25 cents at Johnson's Pharmacy.

Peter F. Mauer has been added to the force of clerks at Abeles Bros. for the holiday trade. He worked for the firm many years ago and has not forgotten how.—St. Cloud Journal Press.

The finest collection of pictures and frames in the northwest at Marie A. Canan's over post office.

Four persons were killed in a Northern Pacific wreck at Lewiston, Idaho, Saturday. A train load of steel became uncontrollable on a steep hill owing to snow and ice with the above result.

Just look at those Japanese vases, urns, etc., at Swartz drug store.

Mrs. Maria Gann, mother of Harry Gann, publisher of Both Sides and well known in this city, was so severely burned on Saturday last in Minneapolis that she died from the effects. Her clothes caught fire from a stove.

We invite the picture loving peo-

ple to inspect our holiday line. There is none finer than Marie A. Canan's, over postoffice.

Mrs. Anna Sturrie who lived some twenty miles down the river toward Brainerd, died this week and the funeral took place from the Catholic church yesterday morning, Rev. Fr. MacKey officiating. We have no information as to the remaining members of the family—Aitkin Age.

Bring in your pictures and have them framed in delicate and artistic frames which we have constantly on hand. Marie A. Canan, over postoffice.

The newspaper plant of the East Grand Forks Courier was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night last.

Books are always acceptable for husband, wife, brother, sister or friend. A fine selection of the latest books at Johnson's Pharmacy.

The condition of W. C. Andrews, the traveling salesman, who was injured at Grand Forks recently, is serious and his recovery is not expected.

Chas. Donald is the possessor of a beautiful baritone voice, he will be heard nightly in new songs and ballads during the engagement of Coryn & Lindsay's Bijou Comedy Co.

"Itching hemorrhoids were the plague of my life. Was almost wild. Doan's Ointment cured me quickly and permanently: after doctors had failed." C. F. Cornwell, Valley st., Saugerties, N. Y.

Bessie Seabright is sure to become a great favorite with all our theatre goers during the engagement of Coryn & Lindsay's Bijou Comedy Co.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup seems especially adapted to the needs of the children. Pleasant to take; soothing in its influence: it is the remedy of all remedies for every form of throat and lung trouble.

A Dramatic Treat.

Manager McLaughlin is most fortunate in securing Coryn & Lindsay's Bijou Comedy Co., for an engagement of one week commencing Monday, Dec. 25th, at the Gardner opera house. There will be a change of bill each night during the engagement. "Inshavogue" a beautiful romantic Irish drama is announced for the opening night, with James H. Rowland in the name part. Mr. Rowland is a comedian of rare ability and is well and favorably known in the East. The company numbers some fifteen players all of more than ordinary merit. A new departure for a dramatic company is the introduction between the acts of the regular play of clever and pleasing specialties. Making a continuous performance with no tedious waits. The company carry special scenery for every play in their long repertoire which includes Hazel Kirk, Joshua Whitcomb, The Danites, Always on time, etc.

Elegant Christmas and wedding presents at Swartz drug store.

CASS LAKE ITEMS.

J. C. Jamieson, of Brainerd will put up a building 24x40 on the Hartley townsite.

A. Lessard went to Brainerd on Monday for his wife and family. He will put up a 24x50 building two stories.

The directory man who was here on Monday took a census and returned our population as 838, with over four hundred voters. Our population is increasing at the rate of twenty-five a day—Voice.

Mrs. R. E. Sturgeon has opened a lying in hospital at No. 76, Second avenue, East Brainerd. Terms reasonable. 31st.

You certainly want to give some photos for Christmas presents. One of Opsahl's photos is the kind to give to a friend.

A Keen Clear Brain.

Your best feeling, your social position or business success depend largely on the perfect action of your Stomach and Liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by McFadden Drug Co. and Johnson's Pharmacy.

Cord Wood.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the board of education of the Brainerd school district, until 12 o'clock noon, the 22nd day of December, 1899, for furnishing 500 cords of four foot body jack pine, tamarack and maple wood in 10 cord lots or more. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the board of education.
WERNER HEMSTEAD,
5t Secretary.

D. M. Clark and Co. keep the following line of heating stoves for sale: Radiant Home Coal Heater, Monitor Wood Base Heater, Stuart Round Oak. Full line of steel ranges.

Reduced Rates For Christmas And New Year Holidays.

The Nickel Plate Road will sell tickets December 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1899 and January 1, 1900, at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip, to any point located in Central Passenger Association territory, good returning to and including January 2nd, 1900. Address General Agent, 111 Adams St., Chicago, for particulars. Depot Van Buren St. and Pacific Ave., on Elevated Loop.

Store your goods with D. M. Clark & Co.

Paid Dear For His Leg.

B. D. Blanton of Thackerville, Tex., in two years paid over \$300.00 to doctors to cure a Running Sore on his leg. Then they wanted to cut it off, but he cured it with one box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for Piles. 25 cts. a box. Sold by McFadden Drug Co. and Johnson's Pharmacy.

Students Returning Home

for holiday vacations, can, upon presentation of proper credentials, obtain tickets, to Central Passenger Association points, located on the Nickel Plate Road, at fare and a third for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on day school closes and day immediately preceding closing date, with return limit to and including day school reconvenes, but not later than January 10, 1900. For information as to train service to Ft. Wayne, Cleveland, Fostoria, Erie and other points, call on or address General Agent, 111 Adams St., Chicago. Chicago Passenger Station, Van Buren St. and Pacific Ave., on the Elevated Loop.

Just Saved His Life.

It was a thrilling escape that Chas. Davis of Bowerstown, O., lately had from a frightful death. For two years a severe lung trouble constantly grew worse until it seemed he must die of consumption. Then he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and lately wrote: "It gave instant relief and effected a permanent cure." Such wonderful cures have for 25 years, proven it's power to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung trouble. Prices 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at McFadden Drug Co. and Johnson Pharmacy.

Why Not Spend Christmas And New Years At Home?

The Nickel Plate Road will sell tickets at any point located in Central Passenger Association territory at a fare and a third for the round trip, account of Christmas and New Year Holidays, on December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31, 1899, and January 1, with return limit to and including January 2, 1900. Students, upon presentation of proper credentials, can obtain tickets at same rate, with liberal return limit. Complete information may be secured by calling on, or addressing the Central Agent, 111 Adams St., Chicago.

Bills for Collection.

I desire to state to those who are indebted to me that I have left my bills for collection with John Larson, who is authorized to receipt the same on payment of amount. Parties desiring to settle are requested to call at Mr. Larson's feed store.

P. A. STENDAL.

Brave Men Fall.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at McFadden Drug Co. and Johnson's Pharmacy.

Hoffman's second store will buy your furniture, trade you new goods for old or sell you complete house-keeping outfits on installments.

PERMANENTLY LOCATED

HAWKINS & CO.

Are now in Their

NEW MEAT MARKET

Hartley Block, Front Street.

Our customers will find us nicely situated with as fine a market as the state affords north of the Twin Cities, stocked with the choicest goods the markets afford. We handle

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FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPERS.

"What Shall I Buy for a Christmas Present"



is a question that always comes up at this season of the year and in many cases is not easily answered. We will this year undertake to solve the problem for the holiday shoppers. We have added a large line of

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bought with the idea of being the correct thing for Christmas Gifts, and a glance at our stock will convince you that you can easily select a suitable present without going further.

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We can fit you out with any movement you desire, gold or silver cases. You will find this line of goods to be exactly as we represent and guarantee.

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In various Styles and Designs.

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some very handsome designs.

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Some very handsome patterns and the latest designs.

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You will find something in this line of goods That will suit you.

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Including Berry, Preserve, Table, Tea and Coffee Spoons, Gravy and Cream Ladles, Pie Knives, Pickle, Cold Meat and Table Forks.

Quadruple Silver Plated Ware. Silver Mounted Leather Goods. Silver Mounted Ebony Goods.



Lace Pins, Scarf Pins, Studs, Link Buttons, Bracelets, Chains of all kinds, charms and Lockets.

These goods all carry our guarantee as to quality and durability, and our prices will be found to

compare favorably with those of other dealers. Call and look us over before making your Holiday Selections.

The Brainerd Dispatch.

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Official Paper of Crow Wing County.

Entered at the Post Office at Brainerd, Minnesota, as second class matter.

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Legal Rates for Legal Notices.

We, the undersigned, hereby agree to accept for publication in our respective newspapers during the year 1899 no legal notices or official printing to be done in compliance with the laws of Minnesota for less than the full rate allowed by law, and no reduction will be given on notices furnished in place.

All resolutions of respect, card of thanks, and matter of similar character, will be charged for at the uniform rate of Five (5) Cents per line for every insertion.

INGERSOLL & WIELAND, Dispatch A. J. HALLIDAY, Tribune.

Brainerd, Minn., Jan. 1, 1899.

16 PAGES.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1899.

INTERESTING-NEWS NOTES.

Gathered from Exchanges and Boiled Down for Dispatch Readers.

H. C. Stivers is now engaged in getting out a 24-page paper containing a write up of Bemidji and Beltrami county.

At Opsahl's studio they do nothing else but make photographs.

Sealskins have advanced 40 per cent and diamonds are out of sight. People in the ordinary walks of life will not mind the advanced however.

Don't forget to call on Swartz for Holiday Goods and save your cash by so doing.

Grover Cleveland is confined to his home with rheumatism but the announcement is not made in the press in bold faced type. Grover is but a very ordinary citizen now.

One of those satin etchings or steel engravings make a beautiful Christmas gift, 50 and 25 cents at Johnson's Pharmacy.

Peter F. Mauer has been added to the force of clerks at Abeles Bros. for the holiday trade. He worked for the firm many years ago and has not forgotten how.—St. Cloud Journal Press.

The finest collection of pictures and frames in the northwest at Marie A. Canan's over post office.

Four persons were killed in a Northern Pacific wreck at Lewiston, Idaho, Saturday. A train load of steel became uncontrollable on a steep hill owing to snow and ice with the above result.

Just look at those Japanese vases, urns, etc., at Swartz drug store.

Mrs. Maria Gann, mother of Harry Gann, publisher of Both Sides and well known in this city, was so severely burned on Saturday last in Minneapolis that she died from the effects. Her clothes caught fire from a stove.

We invite the picture loving people

ple to inspect our holiday line. There is none finer than Marie A. Canan's, over postoffice.

Mrs. Anna Sturrie who lived some twenty miles down the river toward Brainerd, died this week and the funeral took place from the Catholic church yesterday morning, Rev. Fr. MacKey officiating. We have no information as to the remaining members of the family—Aitkin Age.

Bring in your pictures and have them framed in delicate and artistic frames which we have constantly on hand. Marie A. Canan, over postoffice.

The newspaper plant of the East Grand Forks Courier was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night last.

Books are always acceptable for husband, wife, brother, sister or friend. A fine selection of the latest books at Johnson's Pharmacy.

The condition of W. C. Andrews, the traveling salesman, who was injured at Grand Forks recently, is serious and his recovery is not expected.

Chas. Donald is the possessor of a beautiful baritone voice, he will be heard nightly in new songs and ballads during the engagement of Cornyn & Lindsay's Bijou Comedy Co.

"Itching hemorrhoids were the plague of my life. Was almost wild. Doan's Ointment cured me quickly and permanently: after doctors had failed." C. F. Cornwell, Valley st., Saugerties, N. Y.

Bessie Seabright is sure to become a great favorite with all our theatre goers during the engagement of Cornyn & Lindsay's Bijou Comedy Co.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup seems especially adapted to the needs of the children. Pleasant to take; soothing in its influence: it is the remedy of all remedies for every form of throat and lung trouble.

A Dramatic Treat.

Manager McLaughlin is most fortunate in securing Cornyn & Lindsay's Bijou Comedy Co., for an engagement of one week commencing Monday, Dec. 25th, at the Gardner opera house. There will be a change of bill each night during the engagement. "Inshavogue" a beautiful romantic Irish drama is announced for the opening night, with James H. Rowland in the name part. Mr. Rowland is a comedian of rare ability and is well and favorably known in the East. The company numbers some fifteen players all of more than ordinary merit. A new departure for a dramatic company is the introduction between the acts of the regular play of clever and pleasing specialties. Making a continuous performance with no tedious waits. The company carry special scenery for every play in their long repertoire which includes Hazel Kirk, Joshua Whitcomb, The Danites, Always on time, etc.

Elegant Christmas and wedding presents at Swartz drug store.

CASS LAKE ITEMS.

J. C. Jamieson, of Brainerd will put up a building 24x40 on the Hartley townsite.

A. Lessard went to Brainerd on Monday for his wife and family. He will put up a 24x50 building two stories.

The directory man who was here on Monday took a census and returned our population as 838, with over four hundred voters. Our population is increasing at the rate of twenty-five a day—Voice.

Mrs. R. E. Sturgeon has opened a lying in hospital at No. 76, Second avenue, East Brainerd. Terms reasonable. 31tf.

You certainly want to give some photos for Christmas presents. One of Opsahl's photos is the kind to give to a friend.

A Keen Clear Brain.

Your best feeling, your social position or business success depend largely on the perfect action of your Stomach and Liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by McFadden Drug Co. and Johnson's Pharmacy.

Cord Wood.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the board of education of the Brainerd school district, until 12 o'clock noon, the 22nd day of December, 1899, for furnishing 500 cords of four foot body jack pine, tamarack and maple wood in 10 cord lots or more. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the board of education. WERNER HEMSTEAD, Secretary.

D. M. Clark and Co. keep the following line of heating stoves for sale: Radiant Home Coal Heater, Monitor Wood Base Heater, Stuart Round Oak. Full line of steel ranges.

Reduced Rates for Christmas And New Year Holidays.

The Nickel Plate Road will sell tickets December 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1899 and January 1, 1900, at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip, to any point located in Central Passenger Association territory, good returning to and including January 2nd, 1900. Address General Agent, 111 Adams St., Chicago, for particulars. Depot Van Buren St. and Pacific Ave., on Elevated Loop.

Store your goods with D. M. Clark & Co.

Paid Dear For His Leg.

B. D. Blanton of Thackerville, Tex., in two years paid over \$300.00 to doctors to cure a Running Sore on his leg. Then they wanted to cut it off, but he cured it with one box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for Piles. 25 cts. a box. Sold by McFadden Drug Co. and Johnson's Pharmacy.

Students Returning Home

for holiday vacations, can, upon presentation of proper credentials, obtain tickets, to Central Passenger Association points, located on the Nickel Plate Road, at fare and a third for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on day school closes and day immediately preceding closing date, with return limit to and including day school reconvenes, but not later than January 10, 1900. For information as to train service to Ft. Wayne, Cleveland, Fostoria, Erie and other points, call on or address General Agent, 111 Adams St., Chicago. Chicago Passenger Station, Van Buren St. and Pacific Ave., on the Elevated Loop.

Just Saved His Life.

It was a thrilling escape that Chas. Davis of Bowerstown, O., lately had from a frightful death. For two years a severe lung trouble constantly grew worse until it seemed he must die of consumption. Then he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and lately wrote: "It gave instant relief and effected a permanent cure." Such wonderful cures have for 25 years, proven its power to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung trouble. Prices 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at McFadden Drug Co. and Johnson's Pharmacy.

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Bills for Collection.

I desire to state to those who are indebted to me that I have left my bills for collection with John Larson, who is authorized to receipt the same on payment of amount. Parties desiring to settle are requested to call at Mr. Larson's feed store.

P. A. STENDAL.

Brave Men Fall.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at McFadden Drug Co. and Johnson's Pharmacy.

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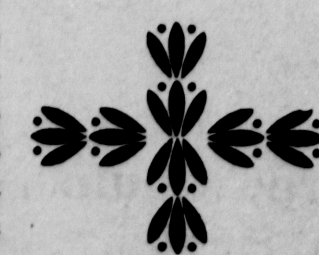
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Photograph albums, plush and celluloid, \$8 to.....	50c	Collar and cuff boxes, combination, seal grain with the words "Glove and handkerchief sets, in white leatherette, fancy worked celluloid and opal glass with floral design, from \$5.50 to.....	75c
Photograph holder, transparent celluloid, decorated, from \$4 to.....	50c	Necktie boxes, transparent celluloid hand painted, word necktie on lid, \$4.00 to.....	60c
Toilet Cases, 3 piece sets, fancy shape, opal finish.....	75c	Jewel cases and caskets, in tinted celluloid, roll top, hand painted, only.....	\$1.25
Aluminum tray, brush and comb, \$6.50 to.....	\$1.25	Work boxes, artistic shape, tinted celluloid, landscape design from \$3.75 to.....	50c
Traveling dressing cases, fine embossed leather with mirror, for only.....	75c	Photograph frames in gold, silver and gilt metal and celluloid from \$1.85 to.....	10c
Manicure sets, fine Morocco grain leather, Chamois lined and celluloid on cards, \$7 to.....	50c		
Shaving sets, celluloid, satin lined, from \$3.50 to.....	65c		

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Including those for boys and girls and juveniles.

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Invites the attention of Holiday buyers to his large, new and complete stock of novelties of the Season. Not only a large quantity of Sterling Goods for Christmas, but a beautiful line of the

VERY LATEST BROOCHES.

When you get puzzled in regard to a choice, a pretty brooch for your best girl is always in order. But in Rings we excel. Watches of every kind and rich chains to decorate them with. Thousands of other things which you can profitably buy.

I would advise to not put off making a selection until the choicest pieces are selected. Come early, we are pleased to show the goods, even if you do not buy at once. Keep in mind we guarantee everything, and when an article does not fill every particular in quality we will exchange for such as will.

This Invitation is Good For 20 Years.
WM. M. DRESSKELL.

Anyone Looking For Trouble

Can always find it. But you will find no trouble in selecting Christmas Presents from large and fine assortment of Holiday Goods. You will find that we are headquarters for.....

Candies, Nuts, Fruits, Tree Ornaments, Chinaware, Albums, Dolls, Games, Books,

Picture and Picture Frames, in fact anything you want. Same old Place, Seventh Street. Next to P. O.

Yours For Trade,

I. A. NUTTING.

NOTED BRITISH SOLDIER

Fighting Record of General Sir Redvers Buller.

NOTED FOR GREAT BRAVERY.

Soldier of Experience in African Wars, He Won the Victoria Cross For Bravery—Has Rescued More Than One Comrade From Death. Scouted Among the Boers.

The following article about General Sir Redvers Buller, the commander in chief of the British forces in South Africa, is of interest at the present time in view of his recent serious defeat in attempting to cross the Tugela river.

"Your majesty, the war will be troublesome, but not dangerous," said General Sir Redvers Buller when taking his formal leave of the queen at Balmoral before sailing for Cape Town, and to his friends at the Army and Navy club in London he added (he couldn't have joked so with her majesty):

"It's all right. I'll eat my Christmas dinner in Pretoria and be back in England in time for the Derby and Ascot in May!"

General Buller sailed amid immense enthusiasm, during which even royalty uncovered in his honor, on Oct. 14, says the New York World. His troopship, the Dunottar Castle, arrived at Cape Town on Oct. 30, and he set foot ashore on Nov. 1. Troops, high ranked officers and delegations of citizens met



GENERAL SIR REDVERS BULLER.

him at the quay, and a vast concourse of citizens hailed him on his ride through the streets as their deliverer.

Next day he was preparing his plan of campaign. There were to be three columns. Each was to sweep up through the Boer country, carrying everything before it. Then the three were to meet, cut to pieces whatever was left of the Boer forces and hand over the Transvaal as a Christmas gift to the English nation. Everybody knows that there have been hitches in this plan.

However, General Buller is no novice at soldiering. He has won his Victoria cross for conspicuous bravery and under fire has rescued more than one comrade from certain death at the hands of savages. Captain D'Arcy, Lieutenant Everitt and a trooper, all of the Frontier Light horse, all owe their lives to his bravery at Inkhobane mountain, where they were hotly pursued by Zulus. All three were wounded and unable to help themselves. Colonel Buller then commanded the regiment.

Redvers Buller was 60 years old on Dec. 7 last. He entered the army in 1858, in the Sixtieth rifles. He was a subaltern in the China war in 1860, took part in the Red river expedition in 1870 and three years later served in the Ashanti war.

In 1878 he fought the Kaffirs and in 1879 the Zulus. From 1880 to 1884 he served in Egypt and the Sudan. Since then he has been cared for in the staff departments at home. He was made adjutant general in 1890 and lieutenant general in 1891.

His fame as a fighter rests chiefly upon his work in the Egyptian and Nile expedition in 1882-4. He was decorated and promoted for distinguished services at Tel-el-Kebr and Tamai and made a wonderful march across the desert, which called forth high praises.

There is a story that in 1881, disguised as a Boer, he crossed into the Transvaal to mingle among the people there. When he returned, he was loaded with information, but the British were so incompetently officered above him that they could do nothing and were slaughtered at Majuba Hill and elsewhere.

General Buller has long been the associate of General Lord Wolseley, the commander in chief of the British forces. He is colonel commandant of the King's Royal regiment, which, with the Durbin fusiliers, bore the brunt of the battle at Glencoe.

How the British Watch the Railroad.

Since the beginning of the South African war the British authorities have employed an army of men in watching the railroad from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth. The road is 840 miles in length, and at every quarter of a mile along the whole length a Kaffir is stationed with two flags, says the Chicago Tribune. Altogether a total of 10,080 men is employed in this service.

"Death Loves a Shining Mark."

Half the nobility of England is in the Queen's Household cavalry, now bound for South Africa, but a Boer would probably shoot an English nobleman just as soon as not, says the St. Louis Republic, and a little rather.

Loyal to His Native State.

A Missourian in Italy finds that the Italian sunsets are not superior to those of Missouri, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and he promptly informs his American friends of the fact.

BOER PLANS FOR SUCCESS.

Strategy Employed to Deceive England Disclosed by General Joubert.

"To Pretoria!" the British cry, is on a level with the Parisian cry of 1870. "A Berlin!"

This is an extract from a letter written by General Joubert from Ladysmith under date of Oct. 27 to a contributor to the Berlin Gazette, in which paper it was published in full. Other passages which at this juncture will be read with peculiar interest follow:

"Ever since the infamous Jameson raid of 1896 our government was convinced that some disreputable characters would urge England to war. Its meaning could not be mistaken. It could have for its sole object only the annihilation of the Boer republic. We were equally sure that we would have to depend on our own resources, for, although we knew that this war would meet with the unanimous condemnation of all European powers, we did not anticipate that any of them would summon strength to come to our rescue. England's arrogance and her strong navy have so cowed the European powers that they dare not bid her stop in her despicable land grabbing, not even where their own interests are involved. Knowing these circumstances, we depended solely on ourselves, improved our means of defense and tried to keep the English in the dark as to our real preparations. To this purpose we gave their disguised spies access to our antiquated guns and artillery, but were very careful to conceal from them our modern artillery parks. Our calculations proved correct. The English public credited these misleading reports. Their cry, 'To Pretoria!' is on a level with the Parisian cry of 1870. 'A Berlin!'"

"Your letter lays much stress on the numerical superiority of the English; but, in my opinion, the example is a different one. England cannot send more than 85,000 soldiers to the Transvaal without withdrawing all her troops from the colonies. This in itself is an imposing army, but only half of them will be available. Granting that England will have effected the landing of her troops by the middle of December, she will have lost in the meantime at least 10,000 through deaths, casualties, desertions and captures. Their number would accordingly be reduced to 75,000. We will try to prevent the junction of the English forces under Buller, but even if we should not succeed the English will be unable to put more than 35,000 men in the field against us. The rest will be needed for garrisons and protection of their bases of operations."

"The scene of the war will cover Natal and Cape Colony, an area of, say, 700 kilometers. Our own camp is protected by three mountain ranges, and 500 men are amply sufficient for its protection. Our manner of communication is excellent. The outposts have command of and facilities for destroying provisions in case their position becomes untenable. If the war should be carried into our own country, of which there are no prospects at present, our advantages would become greater yet, for, while facing unknown conditions in Natal and in the south, we are quite able to make use of the splendid opportunities of defense which our own country offers."

"The enemy will meet a very stubborn resistance in the Transvaal and Orange Free State, and every inch of ground will cost them dear. You correctly suggest that we most likely would resort to guerrilla tactics. A few months will be sufficient to show to England the impossibility of the task she has undertaken. Her losses will be tremendous."

MYSTERIOUS YOUNG WOMAN

Miss Dean Went to the Front in Male Attire in Luzon.

The transport City of Para, from Manila, brought to San Francisco an interesting story of the escapades of Miss Bebe Dean, a mysterious young woman, who in male attire stowed away in the ship and succeeded in reaching Manila despite the vigilance of Colonel Harding and other officers.

She escaped from the City of Para while under heavy guard in Manila harbor and was not seen again until a week later, when, dressed in a khaki suit and wearing a campaign hat, she made a formal call aboard ship.

Miss Dean was not a regular stow-away. On the day the City of Para left San Francisco for Manila with the Twenty-ninth Infantry Miss Dean was given the position of cabin boy, both captain and steward being deceived as to her sex.

Before Honolulu was reached her secret was discovered, and she was put ashore on the islands. She managed to get aboard again, but was discovered before Manila was reached, says the St. Louis Republic. Colonel Harding kept her as prisoner under guard the remainder of the trip, allowing her about 20 minutes exercise a day. Although the colonel intended turning her over to the authorities at Manila for transportation back, Miss Dean slipped her guards and landed in Manila, where, in a uniform of the Twenty-ninth Infantry, she went to the front.

New Way to Cast Aluminum.

A Toledo inventor has succeeded in casting aluminum with the sand process, a result that inventors all over the country have been endeavoring to effect for years, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. It is claimed that this will revolutionize the manufacture of articles from this metal, as it will greatly reduce the cost. The results by this new process have been exhibited to the Toledo chamber of commerce, and a factory will be built there. The name of the inventor is withheld for the present. It is claimed that a bonus of \$75,000 is held by The Scientific American for the successful working of the metal in this manner.

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No. 6, St. Paul Express	12:00 p. m.	12:15 p. m.
No. 16, Duluth Express	2:55 a. m.	3:05 a. m.
No. 16, Duluth Express	9:15 a. m.	1:00 p. m.
No. 54, Duluth Freight	10:00 a. m.	10:00 a. m.
No. 54, Duluth Freight	8:55 p. m.	9:55 p. m.

WEST BOUND:	Arrive.	Depart.
No. 5, Fargo Express	12:50 p. m.	1:10 p. m.
No. 17, Pacific Express	11:55 p. m.	12:05 p. m.
No. 16—Duluth Mail	12:15 p. m.	12:15 p. m.
No. 57, Staples Freight	4:20 p. m.	5:10 p. m.

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 Trains 13, 14, 7 and 8, daily.

F. & D. BRANCH	
No. 12, Little Falls, Bank Center & Morris	7:30 a. m.
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Daily Except Sunday.	4:00 p. m.

Pullman First-Class and Tourist Sleeping Cars.

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Public Land Sale.

United States Land Office St. Cloud, MINN.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under authority vested in him by section 2455, U. S. Rev. Stat., as amended by act of Congress approved February 25, 1895, we will proceed to offer at public sale on the 13th day of January, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., at this office, the following tracts of land, to-wit: The N 24 NE 1/4, Section 24, Township 43 N, Range 23 W. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for the commencement of said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited.

M. D. TAYLOR, Register.

St. Cloud, Minn., Dec. 4th, 1899.

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Horse, phaeton, buggy, cutter and harness. Inquire at this office.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Northern Pacific bank, of Brainerd, Minnesota, will be held at their banking rooms in Brainerd Minn., on Tuesday, January 9th 1900, at 3 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them.

H. D. TREGLAWSKY, Cashier
Brainerd, Minn., December 8, '99.

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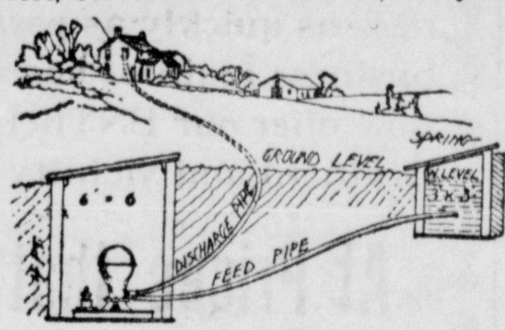
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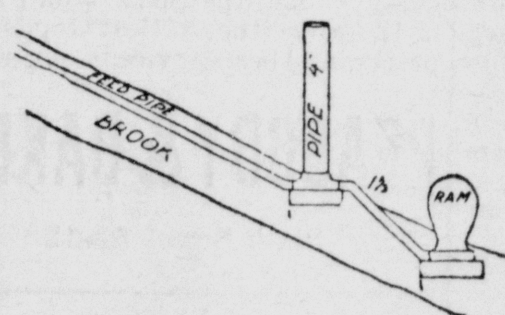
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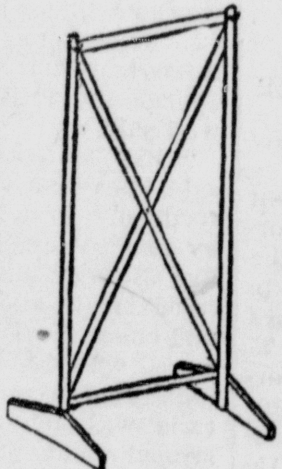
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According to Broomhall: World's wheat crop of 1899, 2,496,400,000 bushels; world's wheat crop of 1898, 2,886,144,000 bushels; world's wheat crop of 1897, 2,269,352,000 bushels. This makes the crop of 1899 fall short of that of last year by 389,744,000 bushels, though exceeding that of 1897 by 227,048,000 bushels—that is, according to Broomhall's estimate, it is considered better than the very short crop of 1897, but decidedly nearer to that than to the large one of 1898.

News and Notes.

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No marked crop departure from the ten year average is noted for any of the principal tobacco growing states this season, says the crop circular.

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IRRIGATION MATTERS.

Studies Now In Progress For the Clearing Up of Hard Problems.

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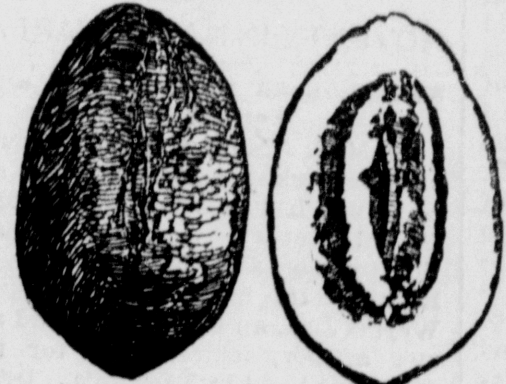
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One Thing and Another.

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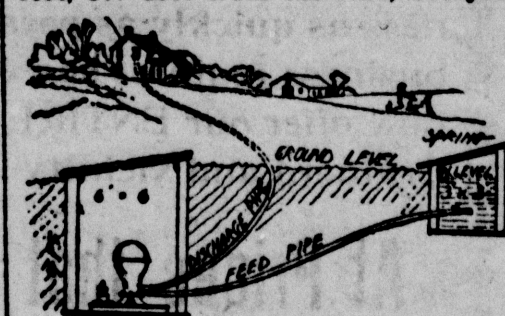
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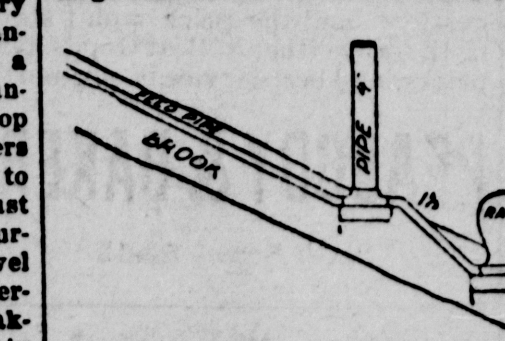
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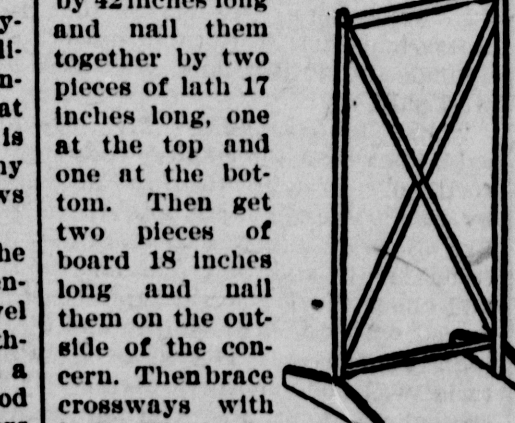
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An Iowa Homestead correspondent sketches and describes a sack holder which he finds useful: Take two strips 1 by 1½ inches



A SACK HOLDER.

by 42 inches long and nail them together by two pieces of lath 17 inches long, one at the top and one at the bottom. Then get two pieces of board 18 inches long and nail them on the outside of the corners. Then brace crossways with lath. The books should be three inches from the top. They can be made of tenpenny wire nails driven through, then filed sharp (so as not to tear the sack) and bent into shape. All braces should be on opposite side of the hooks. For filling sacks a tin pall answers better than a scoop shovel.

The World's Wheat Crop.

According to Broomhall: World's wheat crop of 1899, 2,496,400,000 bushels; world's wheat crop of 1898, 2,886,144,000 bushels; world's wheat crop of 1897, 2,269,352,000 bushels. This makes the crop of 1899 fall short of that of last year by 389,744,000 bushels, though exceeding that of 1897 by 227,048,000 bushels—that is, according to Broomhall's estimate, it is considered better than the very short crop of 1897, but decidedly nearer to that than to the large one of 1898.

News and Notes.

The United States department of agriculture has in press and will soon issue bulletin No. 72, office of experiment stations, entitled "Farmers' Reading Courses." The bulletin was prepared by Professor L. H. Bailey, M. S., professor of horticulture in Cornell university, and gives a history of the organization of farmers' reading courses, which have become an important factor among the agencies for diffusing knowledge and promoting enthusiasm among the farmers. The bulletin contains lists of books used in various reading courses.

No marked crop departure from the ten year average is noted for any of the principal tobacco growing states this season, says the crop circular.

The indicated average yield per acre of potatoes, according to government reports, is 88.7 bushels per acre, as compared with 75.2 bushels last year, 64.6 bushels in 1897 and 75.2 bushels, the mean of the preliminary averages of the last ten years. The average per cent of quality is 91.4.

Practical forestry in the Adirondacks, bulletin No. 26, contains an account of work accomplished under the offer made in 1898 by the agricultural department to assist farmers, lumbermen and others in handling their forest lands.

IRRIGATION MATTERS.

Studies Now In Progress For the Clearing Up of Hard Problems.

The irrigation investigations of the department of agriculture are noticed at length by Secretary Wilson in his annual report, from which a few extracts are subjoined:

Measurements of the actual volume of water used in irrigation and the time of such use are being carried on in 15 states and territories. An approximate knowledge of the quantity of water required to irrigate an acre of land growing any given crop is sooner or later a necessity in any irrigated district. Farmers, canal builders, water commissioners, state lawmakers and congress all need this information in the making of water contracts, the planning of works and the determination and protection of rights in streams. Without it all these important transactions are largely based on conjecture. The mistakes to which this gives rise are a serious obstacle to the conservation of the water supply and its orderly division.

It is the purpose of this investigation to begin the collection of this information, but in order that it may have general acceptance and value the facts secured must embrace a wide range of conditions and crops and be continued through a series of years in order that accidental variations of seasons may be eliminated. At the outset it is desired to ascertain what is the common practice of irrigators.

One object of the studies on the duty of water is to secure greater economy in its use, the reclamation of an increased area and a larger yield of crops through its more skillful application. Something more is necessary than measurement of the quantity employed. The factors which tend to produce a high or low duty must also be studied. These include the amount of rainfall, records of temperature, rate of evaporation, character of soil, losses in transportation in canals, the merits of different methods of distributing water over the land and the influence which is exerted by the character of private water right contracts for delivering water or of state laws governing titles thereto.

Before we can rightly estimate the value of reservoirs we must know not only the amount of water required by different crops, but the time when such water is needed. The purpose of reservoirs is to bring fluctuations in stream flow into harmony with the variations in the demands of crops. A dependence on the natural flow of many western rivers permits of only a small fraction of their natural discharge being utilized, because the waters run to waste before or after they are needed. We must know when the water is needed and how much is needed in different months of the year before we can rightly estimate how much must be stored in order to utilize the entire supply.

Winter Muskmelons.

Luscious cantaloupes in midwinter are a good deal of an innovation, but it seems quite probable that they will become a feature of the market. For



WINTER MUSKMELOON GROWN IN UTAH.

some years the department of agriculture has been interested in this type of melon. Previous to the Spanish-American war seeds taken from melons brought from Havana under the name "Turkestan" were sent to California, where they were reported as succeeding well in Los Angeles county. Through Professor Hansen the government also imported from Khiva, Turkestan, the finest seed procurable and distributed it to growers in the southwest and in Utah. According to mention going the rounds of the press, they were a failure in the southwest, but have succeeded well in Utah. The Utah melons average from 12 to 15 pounds and are of superior flavor. They grow very much like other melons, but when frost comes they are gathered and put in a cellar to ripen. At the time of picking they have a taste like cucumbers and reach their full flavor about Jan. 1. In appearance the melon is said to resemble very much a small rattlesnake watermelon. The meat is very solid, thick and edible to the rind and the flavor very spicy and delicious.

According to official report, three of the largest melons imported for seed weighed up to 30 pounds. The flesh is white and, as is shown in the illustration, of good thickness.

One Thing and Another.

The crossing of raisin grapes has progressed far enough to warrant the statement by the agricultural department that time and judicious work are all that are necessary to obtain the hardness of plant and the required fruiting qualities in California, Arizona and Nevada.

The value of sorghum as a hay or fodder plant for the middle and western states is no longer a matter of conjecture.

A decided decrease in the rate of yield of hay is the report for the eastern, east central, southern, southwestern and Rocky mountain states—in fact, it is only in Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota and the Pacific states that the yield per acre exceeds that of last year. Except in the states where the production is above the average the quality also compares somewhat unfavorably with the average of a series of years.

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CAPTURED BY FILIPINOS

American Soldier's Experience
While With the Insurgents.

WELL TREATED BY HIS CAPTORS.

**Paul Spillane Tells How He Was
Taken Prisoner Outside of Santa
Rita—Offered a Commission in the
Insurgent Army—What Filipinos
Say About the Insurrection.**

Paul J. Spillane of Company C,
Ninth United States Infantry, writing
from Manila, Philippine Islands, un-
der date of Oct. 16, to the Chicago
Record, says:

"I was recently released as a prison-
er of war by the insurgent army. I
was captured just outside of the town
of Santa Rita, in the province of Pam-
pango, whither we had advanced a
few days before. It is eight miles
from San Fernando and not on the
railroad. The climate here is very
warm and compels a man to incline
toward laziness. Thinking that a little
exercise would do me good, I started
to take a walk and happened to stroll on
the outskirts of the town. The first
thing I knew I was surrounded by
well armed Filipino soldiers. I did
not have any weapon, and at that time
I did not understand their language, so
I expected nothing but death. I folded
my arms and waited.

"A sergeant stepped to the front.
He could talk a little broken English,
and he told me to surrender and not to
make any noise. Then they took me
into a house, where they kept me until
night. In the darkness they marched
me past the American camp, holding
knives at my throat and telling me
that if I made a sound they would cut
my head off. Needless to say I kept
quiet. They then marched me across
ricefields and through sugar and cane
fields, part of the time hip to waist in
mud and water, until nearly daybreak,
when we reached a town, and they
took me into a house and gave me a
raw crab and two bananas to eat.
There they told me to go to sleep, for
I would have to march again soon.
After that I had to march almost every
night from town to town.

"I have been in almost every town
in the northern part of the island and
have met and talked with Aguinaldo
and all his generals and principal offi-
cers; also his secretary of war and
secretary of foreign affairs. We were
used like gentlemen. My khaki blouse
was stolen by a Filipino thief, and
when I was taken before Senor Am-
brosio Flores, secretary of foreign af-
fairs, I had an undershirt and pair of
trousers on, but no coat, shoes or socks.
He asked me where my coat was, and
I told him. He then ordered his serv-
ant to look among his clothes and see
if he could find a coat. He could not
find one, so Senor Flores got up from
his chair and told me he had only one
coat, the one he had on, made of white
duck. He took it off and insisted upon
my taking it, which I refused to do.
Also when I and other prisoners were
leaving Tarlac for the American lines
Senor Flores sent word that he would
like to see us. We went to his house
in a body. He gave each of us one of
the best cigars made on the island and
said he hoped we were all happy at the
prospect of going back to our friends.
Three of us, Sergeant James Boyle of
the Sixteenth Infantry, Corporal Otto
Schew of the Third Infantry and my-
self, he offered commissions in the in-
surgent army. He said we should have
plenty of money and good food, good
houses to live in and free land after
the war was over. The American au-
thorities, he said, would never find us,
and we should never be on or near the
firing line, as our sole duty would be
to drill recruits.

"Most of Aguinaldo's staff officers
are well educated men and can talk
good English. They told us that they
had been fighting for three years, and
in one year more they would be ready
to fight for six years. If they should
get cornered and have to lay down
their arms, they said, the trouble
would not be ended, for they would
not allow an American to live on the
island. The American would be as-
sassinated at his own door at night or
would be poisoned in his own house by
his servants. They are capable of
keeping their word. They also told us
that General Otis had offered them
autonomy under American protection
if they would lay down their arms,
but this, they say, they will never do.

"They say they are only fighting for
their rights, the same as we did in
1776, and they demand their independ-
ence, with the right to maintain a
standing army. They want, however,
American naval protection for ten
years, offering to pay well for the pro-
tection of three warships to patrol the
waters of the archipelago. At the end
of that time, they say, they could have
a navy of their own. To secure the
Americans their money they will al-
low the Americans to hold the customs
receipts. They also claim that all of
their higher officers are rich men, who
serve in the army without pay and give
money to help the cause. I believe ev-
ery word of this, for after what I have
seen I cannot do otherwise.

"They say that the United States
has always encouraged independence
and that now it is breaking the Mon-
roe doctrine. They hate Otis because
he will not stop fighting once in awhile
and talk the matter over. They all ad-
mire the American soldiers, with the
exception of one tribe called 'Pam-
pangas,' and they have no use for any
white man. They would have murdered
us if they had not been restrained by
their Tagalog and Spanish officers.
In one town in the Pampanga country,
Arayat, a mob organized one night to
kill Boyle and myself, but were driven
off by our Tagalog guards.

"While traveling from town to town

our guards would not allow us to walk
if it were possible for us to ride, and
if they could get transportation no other
way they would seize it. We have
ridden Spanish mules, horses and cari-
baos, with and without saddles. We
have been hauled in carts, on sledges
and in carriages. When we would
come to a river where there was no
ferry, they would chase up a caribao,
and we would cross the river on his
back.

"I will briefly describe their mode of
punishing prisoners. A thief they
shoot, but other prisoners for petty
crimes are not put in jail, being kept
under guard and receiving every morn-
ing from 10 to 50 strokes of either a
rawhide or rattan cane."

GRAIN BY WATER TO THE SEA

Vast System of Steamers and Elevators
to Be Working by July 1, 1900.

W. J. Connors of Buffalo has been in
consultation in Chicago with some of
the largest grain shippers of that city
regarding an all water route for grain
to the seaboard, says the Chicago Trib-
une. Montreal is to be the seaboard
terminal of the route, and a Chicago
architect is now working on plans for
the erection at Montreal of three ele-
vators with an aggregate capacity of
9,000,000 bushels.

With these elevators there is to be a
fleet of new steamers, each 240 feet in
length, 43 feet beam and drawing 14
feet of water through the canals.
Through the open water months they
will be engaged for the greater part in
carrying grain from the various lake
ports to Montreal, but in winter they
will be employed both in coast trade
and in carrying grain to Liverpool.

Mr. Connors expressed the opinion
that the project would be in operation
by July 1, 1900. He said: "Naturally
I feel much gratified at the successful
conclusion of my labors. I can say I
have the support of all the large grain
interests of Chicago and Duluth. The
representative men have expressed
confidence in the practicability of the
scheme, and the syndicate with which
I am associated has begun prepara-
tions for establishing a carrying trade
all over the water route between the
great lakes and Montreal.

"The Montreal route will afford an
all water way to the sea, which can
compete with the railroads because of
its cheapness. Montreal is 300 miles
nearer Liverpool than is New York, a
decided advantage. Besides the three
elevators at Montreal, we expect to
build an elevator of 1,500,000 bushels
capacity at Port Colborne, Ont., 16
miles from Buffalo, and through grain
going to Montreal in large cargoes will
be broken there.

"During the season just ended only
a little more than 21,000,000 bushels of
the vast amount of grain which came
to Buffalo from the west by lake and
rail was shipped east by the Erie
canal. The great bulk of it went by
rail. It will be the seaports that will
suffer from the new route, New York,
Newport News, Boston, Baltimore,
Portland, Galveston and every port
through which grain passes for ex-
port. It will simply be a contest be-
tween rail and water, and I am con-
fident water will win."

NOVELTY IN NAVAL WARFARE

New Torpedo Perfected by a New
York Woman.

Dr. M. J. Alsbau, a woman physician
of New York, has just perfected a tor-
pedo which has been offered to the
United States government for adop-
tion by the navy, says the New York
Herald. Its inventor is Captain T.
Weyms Just, an Englishman, and a
former artillery officer who for many
years has lived in Tasmania. Dr. Al-
sbau invented a part of the automatic
device which controls the torpedo when
submerged. She is wealthy and is en-
gaged to be married to Captain Just.

For manufacturing the projectiles a
company with a capital of \$1,000,000
was incorporated in New Jersey the
other day. The company will expend
\$50,000 for experiments with the tor-
pedo, and the United States bureau of
naval ordnance has been asked to con-
tribute \$10,000 of this amount. If the
tests are satisfactory and the govern-
ment wishes to purchase, the company
will sell its rights to the invention.
Counsel to the company, which is
known as the Just-Alsbau Torpedo
company, is the law firm of Root, How-
ard, Winthrop & Stimson, of which the
secretary of war is a member.

The Just-Alsbau torpedo consists of
two parts, the ordinary submarine tor-
pedo and a "false" head, both of which
are ejected from the same projector at
the same time. The false head leaves
the main torpedo as the latter leaves
the muzzle of the projector, and it is
designed to carry through the air and
explode its charge of gun cotton on the
deck of a warship. The main portion,
or submarine part, is by far the heav-
ier and drops into the water before
reaching the ship and, running sub-
merged, is supposed to strike and sink
the vessel. There is thus a dual at-
tack—above and below the water. Its
inventors say that the torpedo can be
controlled perfectly in the water.

Studying Bird Life.

It is quite the fad nowadays to study
"bird life." This is one of the after
effects no doubt of the birdless bonnet
movement, says the New York Trib-
une. The out of door clubs are becom-
ing numerous. The middle of the win-
ter season will be spent in reading up
for the spring and autumn practical
studies, when the members actually
"take to the woods" and study the
birds in their native homes.

Wireless System on Lake Michigan.

A dispatch from Toledo to the New
York World states that the Ann Arbor
Railroad company has closed a con-
tract with Marconi to build a wireless
telegraph outfit to communicate across
Lake Michigan to facilitate the car fer-
ry business.

BATTLE OF MANILA BAY.

Orderly Hickey Corrects Some Mis-
statements Regarding It.

William A. Hickey, the San Fran-
cisco boy who was an orderly to Ad-
miral Dewey at the battle of Manila
Bay, has arrived from Charlestown
navy yard and is a guest of his uncle,
Thomas J. McBride of San Francisco.

During the great sea fight Hickey
was stationed at the speaking tube on
the after bridge of the Olympia and
was kept busy sending orders to vari-
ous parts of the ship, says the San
Francisco Examiner. Shortly after
the news of the victory reached the
United States a New York artist made
a hit with a cartoon of a fat sailor
puffing at a cigar as he leaned up
against a gun on board the Olympia
and observing with a wink and a
smile, "We didn't do a thing to 'em."
The title of the cartoon was "Jim
Hickey at the Battle of Manila."

"The picture was the artist's crea-
tion," said Mr. Hickey, "and the name
by accident happened to tally with
mine, but nevertheless we all indorsed
the sentiment credited to the imagi-
nary sailor who began smoking as soon
as the guns got through."

Mr. Hickey has a handful of letters
from various parts of the United
States addressed to "Jim Hickey of
the Olympia" and filled with humor-
ous and patriotic suggestions.

"I have seen many stories of the Ma-
nila bay affair," said he, "and I have
yet to see one that properly quotes the
admiral's order to begin the fight. The
words usually given are, 'Gridley, if
you are ready you may fire.' What Ad-
miral Dewey actually did say was,
'Gridley, you may fire now.' The fact
is that the range finder had instructed
the gunners, and for many minutes the
ship was in perfect readiness to open
fire. The admiral knew that every-
thing was ready."

Hickey left San Francisco on the
Olympia four years and seven months
ago and kept a diary of the vessel's
long cruise of 38,000 miles and espe-
cially of the history making part of
the ship's experience. He possesses
a number of snapshot photographs of
scenes on the flagship during the en-
gagement, as well as a painting by a
Japanese artist who was an eye-wit-
ness of the great battle.

MINING EXPERT ON BOERS.

Albert Holder Says They Will Leave
Nothing For British to Capture.

Albert H. Holder, F. G. S., mining
engineer and special correspondent of
the Reuter Telegraph company, who
was for many years inspector of pub-
lic works in the South African Repub-
lic, is in Ottawa, Ont., from Dawson
City, to which place he went a year
ago in the interest of his company,
says the Chicago Times-Herald. He
predicts that the war in the Transvaal
will last at least two years and that
before giving up Johannesburg the
Boers will destroy mining property
worth \$3,000,000,000. Mr. Holder is
an artillery officer, holding the rank of
major in the German army, and he
was an artillery instructor to the Boers
two years ago. He states that the
Boers had then 15 German officers, 40
French and 40 Russians, who were all
well paid.

"The Transvaalers," Mr. Holder
said, "have got the country thoroughly
fortified. Pretoria itself is defended
by two powerful forts, and there are
five lines of mines and enormous in-
trenchments, and the ground all around
and about the Transvaal capital is fur-
rowed with mines of lyddite and other
high explosives. The siege of Pre-
toria will be another Metz. That
stronghold kept the German army,
numbering 200,000, at bay for eight
months. The siege of Pretoria will
last much longer.

"Johannesburg is not so well fort-
ified, but the last thing the Boers will
do before they are entirely vanquished
will be to raze that city of the ut-
landers to the ground, to leave not a
building standing. They will also blow
up the mines and ruin the machinery
to avenge themselves upon the cap-
italists, who, they claim, have provok-
ed the war. This has for years been
the prearranged plan, and steps were
long ago taken to effectually carry it
out whenever the time arrived to com-
pel that course."

No More Nitroglycerin Powder.

The manufacture of nitroglycerin
powder for the use of the army will be
abandoned, and the army ordnance de-
partment will adopt a pure soluble cot-
ton powder similar to that used by the
navy. The decision for this change,
says The Army and Navy Journal, was
brought about by an accident which
recently occurred at Sandy Hook while
testing a 6 inch gun and while using
the smokeless powder made for use in
8 inch guns, but with the grains cut in
half. The charge on this occasion gave
a pressure of over 80,000 pounds, which
exceeded the pressure gauge of the
gun. Several parts of the breech mech-
anism were injured.

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from London to Edinburgh and will
take place next March. The route will
be a zigzag one in order to attract the
general attention of the country, says
the Buffalo Commercial. There will
be nine one day exhibitions at the same
number of important provincial towns
en route, and gold, silver and bronze
medals will be awarded as prizes.

Of Interest to the Convivial.

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val reader of war news is the proximity
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American Soldier's Experience
While With the Insurgents.

WELL TREATED BY HIS CAPTORS.

Paul Spillane Tells How He Was
Taken Prisoner Outside of Santa
Rita—Offered a Commission in the
Insurgent Army—What Filipinos
Say About the Insurrection.

Paul J. Spillane of Company C,
Ninth United States Infantry, writing
from Manila, Philippine Islands, un-
der date of Oct. 16, to the Chicago
Record, says:

"I was recently released as a prison-
er of war by the insurgent army. I
was captured just outside of the town
of Santa Rita, in the province of Pam-
pango, whither we had advanced a
few days before. It is eight miles
from San Fernando and not on the
railroad. The climate here is very
warm and compels a man to incline
toward laziness. Thinking that a little
exercise would do me good, I started
to take a walk and happened to stroll
on the outskirts of the town. The first
thing I knew I was surrounded by
well armed Filipino soldiers. I did
not have any weapon, and at that time
I did not understand their language,
so I expected nothing but death. I fold-
ed my arms and waited.

"A sergeant stepped to the front.
He could talk a little broken English,
and he told me to surrender and not to
make any noise. Then they took me
into a house, where they kept me until
night. In the darkness they marched
me past the American camp, holding
knives at my throat and telling me
that if I made a sound they would cut
my head off. Needless to say I kept
quiet. They then marched me across
ricefields and through sugar and cane
fields, part of the time hip to waist in
mud and water, until nearly daybreak,
when we reached a town, and they
took me into a house and gave me a
raw crab and two bananas to eat.
There they told me to go to sleep, for
I would have to march again soon.
After that I had to march almost every
night from town to town.

"I have been in almost every town
in the northern part of the island and
have met and talked with Aguinaldo
and all his generals and principal officers;
also his secretary of war and
secretary of foreign affairs. We were
used like gentlemen. My khaki blouse
was stolen by a Filipino thief, and
when I was taken before Senor Am-
broso Flores, secretary of foreign af-
fairs, I had an undershirt and pair of
trousers on, but no coat, shoes or socks.
He asked me where my coat was, and
I told him. He then ordered his servant
to look among his clothes and see
if he could find a coat. He could not
find one, so Senor Flores got up from
his chair and told me he had only one
coat, the one he had on, made of white
duck. He took it off and insisted upon
my taking it, which I refused to do.
Also when I and other prisoners were
leaving Tarlac for the American lines
Senor Flores sent word that he would
like to see us. We went to his house
in a body. He gave each of us one of
the best cigars made on the island and
said he hoped we were all happy at the
prospect of going back to our friends.
Three of us, Sergeant James Boyle of
the Sixteenth Infantry, Corporal Otto
Schew of the Third Infantry and myself,
he offered commissions in the in-
surgent army. He said we should have
plenty of money and good food, good
houses to live in and free land after
the war was over. The American au-
thorities, he said, would never find us,
and we should never be on or near the
firing line, as our sole duty would be
to drill recruits.

"Most of Aguinaldo's staff officers
are well educated men and can talk
good English. They told us that they
had been fighting for three years, and
in one year more they would be ready
to fight for six years. If they should
get cornered and have to lay down
their arms, they said, the trouble
would not be ended, for they would
not allow an American to live on the
island. The American would be as-
sassinated at his own door at night or
would be poisoned in his own house by
his servants. They are capable of
keeping their word. They also told us
that General Otis had offered them
autonomy under American protection
if they would lay down their arms,
but this, they say, they will never do.
"They say they are only fighting for
their rights, the same as we did in
1776, and they demand their independ-
ence, with the right to maintain a
standing army. They want, however,
American naval protection for ten
years, offering to pay well for the pro-
tection of three warships to patrol the
waters of the archipelago. At the end
of that time, they say, they could have
a navy of their own. To secure the
Americans their money they will al-
low the Americans to hold the customs
receipts. They also claim that all of
their higher officers are rich men, who
serve in the army without pay and give
money to help the cause. I believe
every word of this, for after what I have
seen I cannot do otherwise.

"They say that the United States
has always encouraged independence
and that now it is breaking the Mon-
roe doctrine. They hate Otis because
he will not stop fighting once in awhile
and talk the matter over. They all ad-
mire the American soldiers, with the
exception of one tribe called 'Pam-
pangas,' and they have no use for any
white man. They would have murder-
ed us if they had not been restrained
by their Tagalog and Spanish officers.
In one town in the Pampanga country,
Arayat, a mob organized one night to
kill Boyle and myself, but were driven
off by their Tagalog guards.

"While traveling from town to town

our guards would not allow us to walk
if it were possible for us to ride, and
if they could get transportation no other
way they would seize it. We have
ridden Spanish mules, horses and cari-
baos, with and without saddles. We
have been hauled in carts, on sledges
and in carriages. When we would
come to a river where there was no
ferry, they would chase up a caribao,
and we would cross the river on his
back.

"I will briefly describe their mode of
punishing prisoners. A thief they
shoot, but other prisoners for petty
crimes are not put in jail, being kept
under guard and receiving every morn-
ing from 10 to 50 strokes of either a
rawhide or rattan cane."

GRAIN BY WATER TO THE SEA

Vast System of Steamers and Elevators
to Be Working by July 1, 1900.

W. J. Connors of Buffalo has been in
consultation in Chicago with some of
the largest grain shippers of that city
regarding an all water route for grain
to the seaboard, says the Chicago Trib-
une. Montreal is to be the seaboard
terminal of the route, and a Chicago
architect is now working on plans for
the erection at Montreal of three ele-
vators with an aggregate capacity of
9,000,000 bushels.

With these elevators there is to be a
fleet of new steamers, each 240 feet in
length, 43 feet beam and drawing 14
feet of water through the canals. Through
the open water months they will be en-
gaged for the greater part in carry-
ing grain from the various lake ports
to Montreal, but in winter they will
be employed both in coast trade and
in carrying grain to Liverpool.

Mr. Connors expressed the opinion
that the project would be in operation
by July 1, 1900. He said: "Naturally
I feel much gratified at the successful
conclusion of my labors. I can say I
have the support of all the large grain
interests of Chicago and Duluth. The
representative men have expressed
confidence in the practicability of the
scheme, and the syndicate with which
I am associated has begun prepara-
tions for establishing a carrying trade
all over the water route between the
great lakes and Montreal.

"The Montreal route will afford an
all water way to the sea, which can
compete with the railroads because of
its cheapness. Montreal is 800 miles
nearer Liverpool than is New York, a
decided advantage. Besides the three
elevators at Montreal, we expect to
build an elevator of 1,500,000 bushels
capacity at Port Colborne, Ont., 16
miles from Buffalo, and through grain
going to Montreal in large cargoes will
be broken there.

"During the season just ended only
a little more than 21,000,000 bushels
of the vast amount of grain which came
to Buffalo from the west by lake and
rail was shipped east by the Erie
canal. The great bulk of it went by
rail. It will be the seaports that will
suffer from the new route, New York,
Newport News, Boston, Baltimore,
Portland, Galveston and every port
through which grain passes for ex-
port. It will simply be a contest be-
tween rail and water, and I am con-
fident water will win."

NOVELTY IN NAVAL WARFARE

New Torpedo Perfected by a New
York Woman.

Dr. M. J. Alsbau, a woman physician
of New York, has just perfected a tor-
pedo which has been offered to the
United States government for adop-
tion by the navy, says the New York
Herald. Its inventor is Captain T.
Weyms Just, an Englishman and a for-
mer artillery officer who for many
years has lived in Tasmania. Dr. Al-
sbau invented a part of the automatic
device which controls the torpedo when
submerged. She is wealthy and is en-
gaged to be married to Captain Just.

For manufacturing the projectiles a
company with a capital of \$1,000,000
was incorporated in New Jersey the
other day. The company will expend
\$50,000 for experiments with the tor-
pedo, and the United States bureau of
naval ordnance has been asked to con-
tribute \$10,000 of this amount. If the
tests are satisfactory and the govern-
ment wishes to purchase, the company
will sell its rights to the invention.
Counsel to the company, which is
known as the Just-Alsbau Torpedo
company, is the law firm of Root, How-
ard, Winthrop & Stimson, of which the
secretary of war is a member.

The Just-Alsbau torpedo consists of
two parts, the ordinary submarine tor-
pedo and a "false" head, both of which
are ejected from the same projector at
the same time. The false head leaves
the main torpedo as the latter leaves
the muzzle of the projector, and it is
designed to carry through the air and
explode its charge of gun cotton on the
deck of a warship. The main portion,
or submarine part, is by far the heav-
ier and drops into the water before
reaching the ship and, running sub-
merged, is supposed to strike and sink
the vessel. There is thus a dual at-
tack—above and below the water. Its
inventors say that the torpedo can be
controlled perfectly in the water.

Studying Bird Life.

It is quite the fashion nowadays to study
"bird life." This is one of the after
effects no doubt of the birdless bonnet
movement, says the New York Trib-
une. The out of door clubs are becom-
ing numerous. The middle of the win-
ter season will be spent in reading up
for the spring and autumn practical
studies, when the members actually
"take to the woods" and study the
birds in their native homes.

Wireless System on Lake Michigan.
A dispatch from Toledo to the New
York World states that the Ann Arbor
Railroad company has closed a con-
tract with Marconi to build a wireless
telegraph outfit to communicate across
Lake Michigan to facilitate the car fer-
ry business.

BATTLE OF MANILA BAY.

Orderly Hickey Corrects Some Mis-
statements Regarding It.

William A. Hickey, the San Fran-
cisco boy who was an orderly to Ad-
miral Dewey at the battle of Manila
Bay, has arrived from Charlestown
navy yard and is a guest of his uncle,
Thomas J. McBride of San Francisco.

During the great sea fight Hickey
was stationed at the speaking tube on
the after bridge of the Olympia and
was kept busy sending orders to var-
ious parts of the ship, says the San
Francisco Examiner. Shortly after
the news of the victory reached the
United States a New York artist made
a hit with a cartoon of a fat sailor
putting at a cigar as he leaned up
against a gun on board the Olympia
and observing with a wink and a
smile, "We didn't do a thing to 'em."
The title of the cartoon was "Jim
Hickey at the Battle of Manila."

"The picture was the artist's crea-
tion," said Mr. Hickey, "and the name
by accident happened to tally with
mine, but nevertheless we all indorse
the sentiment credited to the imagi-
nary sailor who began smoking as soon
as the guns got through."

Mr. Hickey has a handful of letters
from various parts of the United
States addressed to "Jim Hickey of
the Olympia" and filled with humor-
ous and patriotic suggestions.

"I have seen many stories of the Ma-
nila bay affair," said he, "and I have
yet to see one that properly quotes the
admiral's order to begin the fight. The
words usually given are, 'Gridley, if
you are ready you may fire.' What Ad-
miral Dewey actually did say was,
'Gridley, you may fire now.' The fact
is that the range finder had instructed
the gunners, and for many minutes the
ship was in perfect readiness to open
fire. The admiral knew that every-
thing was ready."

Hickey left San Francisco on the
Olympia four years and seven months
ago and kept a diary of the vessel's
long cruise of 38,000 miles and espe-
cially of the history making part of
the ship's experience. He possesses a
number of snapshot photographs of
scenes on the flagship during the en-
gagement, as well as a painting by a
Japanese artist who was an eye-
witness of the great battle.

MINING EXPERT ON BOERS.

Albert Holder Says They Will Leave
Nothing For British to Capture.

Albert H. Holder, F. G. S., mining
engineer and special correspondent of
the Reuter Telegraph company, who
was for many years inspector of pub-
lic works in the South African Repub-
lic, is in Ottawa, Ont., from Dawson
City, to which place he went a year
ago in the interest of his company,
says the Chicago Times-Herald. He
predicts that the war in the Transvaal
will last at least two years and that
before giving up Johannesburg the
Boers will destroy mining property
worth \$3,000,000,000. Mr. Holder is
an artillery officer, holding the rank of
major in the German army, and he
was an artillery instructor to the Boers
two years ago. He states that the
Boers had then 15 German officers, 40
French and 40 Russians, who were all
well paid.

"The Transvaalers," Mr. Holder
said, "have got the country thoroughly
fortified. Pretoria itself is defended
by two powerful forts, and there are
five lines of mines and enormous in-
trenchments, and the ground all around
and about the Transvaal capital is fur-
rowed with mines of lyddite and other
high explosives. The siege of Pre-
toria will be another Metz. That
stronghold kept the German army,
numbering 200,000, at bay for eight
months. The siege of Pretoria will
last much longer.

"Johannesburg is not so well forti-
fied, but the last thing the Boers will
do before they are entirely vanquished
will be to raze that city of the nit-
landers to the ground, to leave not a
building standing. They will also blow
up the mines and ruin the machinery
to avenge themselves upon the capi-
talists, who, they claim, have provoked
the war. This has for years been
the prearranged plan, and steps were
long ago taken to effectually carry it
out whenever the time arrived to com-
pel that course."

No More Nitroglycerin Powder.

The manufacture of nitroglycerin
powder for the use of the army will be
abandoned, and the army ordnance
department will adopt a pure soluble cot-
ton powder similar to that used by the
navy. The decision for this change,
says The Army and Navy Journal, was
brought about by an accident which
recently occurred at Sandy Hook while
testing a 6 inch gun and while using
the smokeless powder made for use in
8 inch guns, but with the grains cut in
half. The charge on this occasion gave
a pressure of over 80,000 pounds, which
exceeded the pressure gauge of the
gun. Several parts of the breech me-
chanism were injured.

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tors of every description has been or-
ganized in London in order to place the
automoton and its capabilities before
the public in a manner at once inter-
esting and practical. The tour will be
from London to Edinburgh and will
take place next March. The route will
be a zigzag one in order to attract the
general attention of the country, says
the Buffalo Commercial. There will
be nine one day exhibitions at the same
number of important provincial towns
en route, and gold, silver and bronze
medals will be awarded as prizes.

Of Interest to the Convivial.

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vial reader of war news is the proximity
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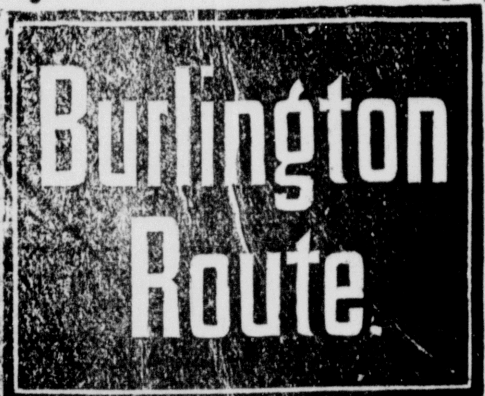
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What mattered the difference between bed and sofa in his muddled state? Now that his raging thirst was satisfied, his sole desire was to lie down and pass off once more into oblivion. With a weary sigh, that was a half-groan, he threw himself upon the couch, and nearly dislodged its occupant.

"Uncommon odd," he muttered, groping vaguely at the prostrate figure. "Some other chap here, too!—Perhaps the Johnny—I met in the fog," he added, with a dim recollection of recent events.

Yet, even in the dark, and to his disoriented brain, there was something strongly repellent about that motionless form. He felt impelled to arouse this unknown sharer of his room and hear him talk. And so, with nervous, shaking hand, he pulled at the enveloping cloak, at first hesitatingly, then more boldly; but in vain.

"Come—I say—wake up, will you?" he pleaded, in jerky accents. "You give me the jumps!"

Still no reply, no movement from that prostrate form. Poor Webb's nerves, already badly unstrung, could stand the strain no longer. Trembling from head to foot, he groped his way to the mantelpiece, found a box of matches, and managed to light a candle. Then, half-paralyzed with the vague dread of some impending terror, he returned to the sofa. The pale light of the candle fell upon the livid, distorted face of a corpse!

The shock of such a discovery, under similar conditions of horror, would certainly tax to the utmost the self-possession of the most iron-nerved of men. Upon brain-weakened, nerve-shattered Tom Webb it was simply overpowering; he essayed to cry out, but the vocal chords were paralyzed by terror, and caught by a gurgling sob issued from his lips. With a tremendous effort he brought himself to jerk the cloak so as to cover the dead man's face, and then, as though himself stricken by a mortal blow, he staggered towards the door. His brain was a blank, his one guiding instinct to escape from that ghastly presence. His hat chanced to meet his eye, and he put it on. Then he shunk out of the room, as though fearful of disturbing him who lay upon the sofa, crept to the hall door, and fled forth into the darkness and fog. Fled, he knew not whither. Fled, blindly, wildly, in a mad effort to escape the haunting stare of two great, protruding eyes.

CHAPTER II.

Ralph Weston Opens the Case.

I, Ralph Weston, junior partner in the firm of Hawkins & Weston, private inquiry agents, have been requested to set down in narrative form such circumstances connected with the so-called Arnewood Mystery case as came under my own personal observation. The task is, in some respects, an easy one enough, inasmuch as I have ample notes and an excellent memory to work upon; but my literary experience being by no means on a par with my knowledge of the case, I fear that I must crave an abundant indulgence for fantastic use of the ample material at my disposal. With which brief preamble I now proceed.

The night of Thursday, Nov. 19th, was one of the foggiest and bleakest nights I ever was out in. On my way home I ran across a former schoolfellow, Tom Webb, who had given away badly to habits of intemperance, and in whose welfare I was strongly interested. His teeth were chattering with cold; and, despite the bitter weather, he had no overcoat.

I could see he was not sober; indeed, he seldom or never was, I fear. Still, I could not well refuse his request for a drink, and took him with me to my chambers. There, in addition to helping himself freely to liquor, he contrived (as I afterwards discovered) to purloin half a bottleful of whisky.

He refused absolutely to stay over night. So I lent him a spare overcoat, and he started homeward just as the clock of St. Martin's church was striking 2 a. m. I felt somewhat uneasy after he had gone, especially when I noticed the disappearance of my whisky; but, of course, I could do nothing, and had to content myself with hoping that he would reach his lodging in safety. He lived at No. 18, Cato street, Soho.

The contents bill of the early editions of the evening papers next day made the not very uncommon announcement of a "Tragedy in Soho;" but I was greatly startled to find that the scene of the said tragedy was the identical house in which Tom Webb lodged. The first details published were very meager. The dead body of a gentleman, unknown, had been discovered in a room rented by a lodger, whose whereabouts were not at present known, and upon whom, of course, the gravest suspicion rested. I at once hastened to Cato street.

I should here state that although I was at that time only head clerk to my present partner, Mr. Hawkins, I had frequently come into contact, in the ordinary course of our business, with many of the leading Scotland Yard officials, and could usually count upon securing admission to places closed even to the most insinuating of Press reporters. Upon the present occasion, I happened to be well known to the inspector in charge, and was promptly passed through the cordon of police stationed in front of the house.

A simple question to the landlord elicited the reply that the name of the missing lodger, in whose room the body had been found, was Webb; and this information embarrassed me at first as to the course I should follow.

I felt under no Spartan obligation to volunteer statements as to his condition and movements the night before, which might do him harm. Yet, upon the other hand, these very statements might be of the utmost importance to the police in their efforts to get at the truth of the unfortunate gentleman's death. I therefore decided to await further developments.

The room was poorly furnished and very un tidy, as might be expected from an occupant of Webb's bohemian habits. The bed, I noted, had not been slept in overnight, though the appearance of the counterpane indicated that some one wearing very dirty boots had lain on it. Upon an old-fashioned, broad-seated sofa lay the corpse, so entirely covered in a long cloak as to leave nothing visible except brown leather leggings and thick-soled boots. A constable was seated a yard or so away, evidently in especial charge of the remains.

"No clue yet, I suppose, as to his identity?" I remarked to Inspector Traill, who had accompanied me into the room, as I glanced toward the sofa. "No," was the reply, "except that the style of the clothing seems to indicate a foreigner or one recently returned from abroad. The post-mortem this afternoon may reveal something; but, so far, we only know that a stranger was found here a few hours ago strangled to death."

"Strangled!" I repeated. "That is rather out of the common nowadays, isn't it?"

"Perhaps so," he rejoined; "but the indications are too plain to be mistaken in this case." So saying, he made a sign to the constable, who removed the cloak sufficiently to expose the dead man's face and throat. The inspector was clearly right. The unnaturally prominent eyes, the partly protruding tongue, the discolored skin of the throat, pointed to the cause of death plainly enough. The marks upon the throat had for me an especial interest, and I studied them so long and carefully that Inspector Traill looked at me inquiringly when my examination was over.

"The man who effected that job must have very large as well as very powerful hands," I remarked, "judging from the length and width of his grip."

Inspector Traill pricked up his ears, so to speak, and nodded approvingly. We had often had friendly discussions as to the value of deductive methods in difficult cases, and although he was wont to wax scornful over the fictitious triumphs of Vidocq and Sherlock Holmes, he was not above taking what he termed a "common-sense hint" upon a point that had escaped his own observation.

"That's so," he said, quietly, producing his note book. "Anything else?" "Yes," I continued. "He is a member of the working class, probably an artisan in one of the so-called 'black trades.'"

"What makes you think so?" "A well-defined thumb-mark upon the strangled man's collar," I explained. "A dirty, coarse-grained thumb-mark, such as could only be produced by a thumb well-stained by iron-rings or other metallic dust."

"I'm!" growled the inspector. "You are pushing your inference rather too far, I think. However, I'll have a good look at the mark myself, presently. And now, I'd like to know, Mr. Weston, why you seem to be so interested in this case? Murders are not much in your line, as a rule, are they?"

"No," I answered, "they are not. But I'm an old friend of the missing tenant of this room—Tom Webb."

"The duce you are!" he interrupted. "Then I'm afraid you're the friend of an extremely bad lot!"

"You're wrong!" I protested, warmly. "There is no radical badness in the man, though he has wrecked himself through drink. I daresay the landlord here has given him an evil character as a frequenter of low pot-houses, and who is always in arrears with his rent. Likely enough; but I'd stake my life he is utterly incapable of hand or part in a crime like this."

"Then why run away like any other guilty man?"

"I don't believe he was able to find his way back here at all in last night's fog," I said, confidently. And, without further preface, I narrated how Tom Webb had left my rooms drunk, and with a further supply of purloined whisky, at 2 a. m. I added my conviction that either some accident had befallen him, or that he was lying in some lock-up, too hopelessly intoxicated to give any account of himself.

Inspector Traill heard me out, and then quietly produced a latch-key. "It was found upon the carpet here this morning, and the landlord identifies it by a private mark as the one used by Webb. So that, innocent or guilty, it is clear he found his way back here; and, although that scarcely convicts him of having choked a man to death, still, taken in conjunction with his flight, it looks rather black against him."

The discovery of the latch-key was certainly a deadly blow to my theory that Tom had never reached his home at all; and I was beginning to realize that the experienced detective's suspicions were, after all, in strict accord with all the available evidence. But I still utterly scouted the idea of Tom having had any active share in the crime.

"Tom Webb choke a man!" I exclaimed, indignantly. "Why, he hasn't strength in his wasted, skinny hands to choke a chicken! And, besides, the marks upon that poor fellow's throat indicate the fingers of a giant."

"That's right enough," assented Traill. "From your description of this Webb, he simply couldn't have done this job himself. But, as you know well enough, this is one of the worst districts in London for scoundrels of

every sort and race. Your friend's drunken habits seem to have led him into all sorts of low dens, that is, all sorts of rascally company, and I'm afraid you'll find he was persuaded or entrapped into complicity, at all events, into this affair. Then, I suppose, he took fright and ran away. However, we shall probably soon learn his version of the matter. He cannot have got very far away, and a full description of him has already been circulated."

Neither the exact results of the post-mortem nor the verdict of the coroner's jury had any special interest for me; and, moreover, they would be published in late editions of the evening papers. So I thanked Inspector Traill and pushed my way, not without some trouble, through the dense crowd of loafers and disreputables that always seem to gather around the scene of a crime. I had other important inquiry work on hand, which I could not afford to neglect in order to indulge in speculation as to the exact cause of Tom Webb's disappearance.

Not until late that night did I have an opportunity of scanning a "special" "Westminster" from which I learned that the inquest had resulted in a verdict of "Willful murder against Thomas Webb and some other person or persons unknown."

CHAPTER III.

At Fault.

I saw Inspector Traill several times during the following week, and he seemed more and more worried and anxious each time we met. The reason was simple. The Cato Street case had been entrusted to his special charge, and had proved to be one of unexpected difficulty. It had seemed to be a foregone conclusion that the missing tenant, Tom Webb, must inevitably be traced and captured within a few hours. Yet, so far, not the faintest clue to his whereabouts had been obtained; while, as for his supposed accomplices, they were equally undiscoverable.

This, from a detective's point of view, was a most aggravating state of affairs; but, perhaps, worse still, he had, despite the most strenuous efforts, entirely failed to establish the identity of the murdered man. I attempted to console him by pointing out that the entire police force was equally responsible for these failures; which were due to the stupidity or laziness of an army of constables scattered all over the country; but he found no comfort in my words.

"That sounds reasonable enough," he remarked, blumly; "but it won't go down with my chiefs, nor with the public, either, for the matter of that. The man in charge of the case is the man the chief looks to for results. I am in charge of this case. I have got no results, and I'll be hanged if I see any way of getting any."

"Then you deem this case to be an exceptionally difficult one?"

"Yes, now I do; though I did not think so at first," he acknowledged. "Webb's capture seemed certain, and I counted on hearing something in the Soho stunts; especially as I believed in your theory as to the murderer being a workman. You ought to know, by this time, Mr. Weston, that in tracking down a criminal, we rely, almost entirely, upon what is officially termed 'information received.' And, of course, this simply means information extorted by bribes or threats from the suspected man's pals. But very careful inquiries have satisfied me that, in the present case, no such information will ever be forthcoming; because the man I want had no pals, at least among the known law-breaking lot."

"Well, but what about Webb?" I asked. "I am convinced he did not leave the house in Cato street by himself, otherwise he could not possibly (in his drunken condition) have escaped the search that was almost immediately made for him. It was the other man—the man with the strong grip—who got him away; and it's very long odds against his being alive now. It stands to reason that the murderer would not intrust the safety of his neck to the keeping of a nervous drunkard, who might, at any moment, blab the fatal secret. No, no! The reason Webb has not been found is that he has been made away with."

There was a ring of conviction in Traill's voice which, backed up by the obvious force of his reasoning, made me feel very despondent as to poor Webb's fate. Let me frankly admit that it was not from any special love I bore the man. I doubt if it were possible for any one except, perhaps, some poor martyr-wife to care long for a confirmed drunkard. But I was very fond of his youngest sister, Madge. We were tacitly, almost avowedly, engaged to be married; and, in every letter I received from her, she begged for news of her brother, who had long ceased to correspond with any of his own people. Hitherto I had managed to evade telling her the truth as to Tom's downfall. Why make her, and the kindly old couple, her parents, miserable by telling them that the hope and pride of the family had gone utterly to the dogs? And so I had kept back the real facts, hoping (almost against hope) that he would turn over a new leaf and be a man again.

I had latterly felt more awkwardly situated than ever with respect to Madge, and had put off writing to her because I simply had not the moral courage even to hint at the disaster which had overtaken her vagabond brother. I preferred, somehow, to let her get the first news of the trouble through some other source—say, a chance newspaper paragraph. Yet I felt now that I could not well remain silent any longer in the face of Inspector Traill's conviction that Tom had met with foul play. The question simply was, how I could best break the sad news.

As so often happens in real life, the problem solved itself. By the last post that night I received two letters, one of them from Madge. It was very short, but very much to the point. She implored me to ascertain, and let her know at once, that the enclosed cutting from the "Dorset Courier" had no reference to her brother. The enclosure ran thus:

"Another London Mystery.—The corpse of a gentleman, believed to be a for-

signer, has been discovered in a Soho lodging house. The medical evidence shows death to have resulted from strangulation, and as neither money nor valuables of any sort were found on deceased, it is inferred that plunder was the motive of the crime. The tenant of the room in which the body was found was a man named Tom Webb, described as a journalist and as of notoriously intemperate habits. He, however, has not been seen since the eve of the gruesome discovery, and the coroner's jury had no hesitation in arriving at a verdict of willful murder against him and other persons unknown. The police are of opinion that several persons must have been concerned in the affair, but are every reticent as to such clues as they possess. We understand that the deceased has not been identified."

Poor little Madge! I could quite realize her anxiety. She knew, of course, that Tom's profession was that of a journalist, and I daresay she more than suspected his weakness for strong waters. And now, here was a man, thus closely tallying in description and of the same name, charged with murder! Poor Madge! My heart bled for her! But what could I do to comfort her?

I did my best. I wrote her a long letter, stating the case as hopefully as I could. Of Tom's absolute innocence of any deliberate share in the atrocious crime I expressed my absolute conviction; but there was no blinking the facts that the body was found in his room, and that he had himself disappeared.

"Of course," I added, "this was bound to direct a certain amount of suspicion against him, and, as you must see yourself, justified the verdict of the coroner's jury, in the absence of other evidence. But it will console you to know that even the detective officer in charge of the case no longer believes in Tom's guilt, though he thinks he was made a fool of. So be a brave girl, Madge, and don't fret. You know that, from the very nature of my business, I am in a good position to watch the course of events; and I need hardly assure you that I will leave no effort unmade to clear up this distressing affair. I shall, if I possibly can, manage it, run down to Dorchester within a few days, and it is quite on the cards I may bring you some good news. Meanwhile, keep up a brave heart, and believe steadfastly in poor Tom's innocence."

The other letter was a somewhat bulky one. It was from Inspector Traill, and the contents proved to be of most absorbing interest. Apparently, the inspector had been very busy when he sent his dispatch, which contained merely a few words, scrawled in pencil, on a scrap of paper, to explain their drift. "See what you can make of inclosed notes," the message ran. "And let me know results as soon as possible." Apparently, Mr. Traill was coming round to deductive methods, after all.

The notes were somewhat voluminous and in a very disconnected order; but they included everything that had so far been discovered, and amply repaid perusal. Personally, I was rather methodical in my habits, and, as I read, I took down some more condensed notes of my own.

Nature of Case.—Murder by strangulation of man unknown, reported by Constable Dwyer, at 10.20 a. m., Nov. 20th, as having occurred at 18, Cato street, Soho. From statement of the landlord, George Marsh, it appears that he entered a room on the ground floor occupied by one Thomas Webb, a journalist, who was in arrears with his rent. Webb was not there, nor had he been slept in; but upon the sofa lay the dead body of a stranger covered by a cloak. Webb's latch-key was found upon the floor.

Description of deceased.—Length, 5 feet 10 inches. Strong build; well-nourished, apparently about thirty-two years of age. Hair: dark-brown. Eyes: grey. Teeth: sound, regular; somewhat discolored, as by chewing. Dressed in blue serge suit, with brown gaiters and heavy boots, all seemingly, of foreign make. Linen marked L. A. No valuables or papers whatever. Two body-marks; letters L. A. tattooed upon left forearm, with small anchor; on right breast a floating spar, also tattooed, with R. N. upon it.

The Missing Lodger, Webb.—Aged about thirty; but looks older. Average height, thin, round-shouldered, slouching gait. Dark hair, grey in places. Blue eyes, usually bloodshot. Reputed to be habitually a drunkard, but nothing known against him otherwise.

Result of Inquiries.—So far, practically nil. Webb has not been traced, nor is there any clue to the identity of the murdered man. Webb would seem, to be physically incapable of the crime; and the theory gains ground that he, too, has been made away with by the actual perpetrator.

There are very copious notes regarding the post-mortem and the inquest, but they did not throw any fresh light upon the subject, so far as I could judge.

Lastly, there were two poorly-developed photographs of the murdered man's ghastly, swollen face, pasted on two pieces of white card board. They might, of course, some day prove of use as a means of identification, although I doubted whether the unfortunate gentleman's most intimate friend would ever be very positive in recognizing those distorted features.

Now, all this was very interesting, but it did not help much towards the elucidation of Tom Webb's fate; and such was the opinion I expressed to Mr. Traill when I took him back his notes and photographs.

"H'm! Perhaps not," he assented, somewhat gruffly. "But I think it improves my chances of finding out who the dead man was, and my only hope of working the case lies through him. It seems most likely, judging from the tattoo marks, that he was, or had been at some time, a sailor by profession. Indeed, one might almost go to the length of believing him to have been in the 'Royal navy.'"

"Why so?" I inquired. "That's how I interpret the letters R. N. on his right breast," was the reply, given with a certain amount of self-complacency. "How does the idea strike you?"

"It sounds reasonable enough," I assented, "though they are just as likely to be the initials of his own name."

(To Be Continued.)

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

SOME GOOD JOKES, ORIGINAL AND-SELECTED.

A Variety of Quips, Gibes and Ironies, to Cause a Smile—Flotsam and Jetsam from the Tide of Humor—Witty Sayings.

"You Did."

It's good to wander back again
Among the old home folks,
It rather satisfies a man
To hear the same old jokes;
To hear somebody say: "I knew
You when you were a kid."
But someone always tells you of
The foolish things you did.

Your heart beats lighter as it did

In long-forgotten days,
When at some well-remembered spot
Reflectively you gaze.
But it seems queer that all your good
And noble deeds are hid,
And people only call to mind
The foolish things you did.

They talk of others who've gone out
Into some foreign land;
They tell of things these other folks
Have done—and they seem grand.
But when it comes to talk of you,
Their minds cannot be rid
Of the belief you'd like to hear
The foolish things you did.

You know you've done a thing or two
Which show you've got some sense,
But every time they talk of you
They're certain to commence
With tales of "What a fool you were
When you lived here—a kid."
They have forgotten all except
The foolish things you did.
—Baltimore American.

Saving to the Last.

"You have only an hour longer to live," said the physician, solemnly, to the wealthy miser on his deathbed. "Is there anything you wish attended to before you pass away?"

"Yes," answered the stricken man in faint yet eager tones. "I am glad you spoke of it. Send for the barber at once and have him shave me before I die. I only have to pay him 50 cents for coming in to shave me now, and the regular price is \$1 for shaving a dead man. Might as well save that half-dollar while I'm about it."—New York World.

Where He'd Go.

"Aren't you afraid the law will take us in hand for gambling?" said the timid man who had just been persuaded into making an election bet. "Never mind," answered the confident politician. "Even if it does, you're all right. They wouldn't send you to jail for making that bet. They'd send you to the insane asylum."—Washington Star.

In Boston Sure.

"Put me off at Beacon street," said the fair passenger to the Boston trolley conductor.

"I will notify you when Beacon street is reached," replied the conductor, "and be glad to assist you to alight, but I couldn't entertain the brutal thought of putting you off, my dear lady."—Philadelphia North American.

No Longer a Competitor.

He—Don't you think that girl over there is beautiful?
She (coldly critical)—Oh, I don't know. Who is she?
He—Mrs. Nuter. Just been married.
She—Yes, I think she is—quite beautiful.—Detroit Free Press.

The Savage Bachelor.

The Sweet Young Thing—But on what do you base your idea that Hamlet was feeble-minded?

The Savage Bachelor—Mainly on the fact that so many women want to play the part.—Indianapolis Journal.

Followed Instructions.

Aunt M'riar—Hiram, hev ye got John's letter?

Hiram Otecake—Naw; wuzn't nuthin' important in it, but ther envelope sez, "Return in five days," so I done it.—New York World.

Exclusive.

Maud—They say Mrs. Tomby is very exclusive.
Ethel (whom she snubs)—Yes, I hear that some of her teeth even don't move in the same set as the others.
The Boy's Reason.
"At a former pastorate," says an Auburn clergyman, "I once saw a boy give another boy of his size a terrible trouncing. So far as I could see he had no provocation. I was interested to know why he had administered the punishment. Stepping along to him I said:

"You've been whipping that boy?"
"Yes," he replied.
"Well," said I, "why did you do it?"
"Cause I could," replied the boy. That was the only reason. I suppose there are older folks who do queer things for the same reason."—Lewis-on (Maine) Journal.

Exasperated Old Gentleman (to lady in front of him)—"Excuse me, madam, but my seat has cost me 10 shillings and I want to see. Your hat—"
The Lady—"My hat has cost me 10 guineas and I want it to be seen!"—London Punch.

The Old Man's Occupation.
"It's a queer world," said the old man, "when you come to think it over. You know, I eddicated Jim fer a lawyer?"

"Yes."
"An' Bill fer a preacher?"
"Exactly."
"An' Tom fer one o' those here literary tellers?"
"I've heard so."
"An' Dick fer a doctor?"
"Yes."
"Well, now, what do you reckon I'm a-doin' of?"
"Can't say."
"Well, sir, you mout not believe it, but I'm a-suppertin' of Jim an' Bill, an' Tom, an' Dick, an' it keeps me a-goin' from daylight to dark!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Why She Was Dropped.

"How did Clara happen to lose her social position?" asked the girl who had been to Europe and was consequently out of touch with home affairs. "Oh, we had to drop her," replied the girl who had remained at home. "We found that she had a chance to marry a millionaire of 62 years of age and she refused him for a comparatively poor young man of 24."

A Big Hay Crop.

Rutts—I see by de papers dat dey had a big hay crop in Kentucky.
Wrags—Dat's good. I allus wuz used ter plenty of bed clothes.

A Theory Proved.

Jim—"Honesty is the best policy after all."
Bill—"How?"
"Remember that dog I stole?"
"Yes."
"Well, I tried two hull days to sell 'im an' no one offered more'n a bob. So I went an' guv him to the lady what owned 'im an' she guv me 'alf a soverign."—Tit-Bits.

His Fortune Made.

"I think," said the ingenious man, "that I have an invention at last which will make my fortune."
"What is it?"
"It is a camera for use in fishing camps. It exaggerates the size of the fish, while taking the fisherman at his normal size."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

He Concurred.

Miss Vassar—Don't you think Miss Springtime is a charming poetess?
Uncle Solomon—Oh, yes, a very sweet poetess, and her cousin, Miss Chalmers, is a charming paintress, and her Aunt Lucrece is an excellent sculptress, and her mother used to be an excellent dishwasheress.—Harlem Life.

She Holds Him to It.

Downtrod—Never write letters, my boy, that you'll regret in after life.

Dewtell—You speak as from experience?
Downtrod—I do. In early correspondence with her who is now my wife I signed myself "Your obedient servant."—Tit-Bits.

How Some Men Do It.

"He told me last week that he had to economize, but I don't see that he has been doing it."

"Oh, well, you wouldn't notice it, anyway. You see, he economizes by cutting down his wife's expenses."—Chicago Post.

Another Problem.

She—A mathematician has figured it out that a man 60 years old has spent three years of his life buttoning his collar.

He—Is that so! I wonder how many years of her life a woman of 45 has wasted in putting her hat on straight.—Chicago News.

Considerate.

She—I hope you don't expect me to believe that ancient "sick friend" excuse.

He—Certainly not. But I thought it would be more considerate than telling you it was none of your business.—Indianapolis Journal.

Realized It.

Collector—"I shall leave you now, but I will come again."

Poorpay—"I don't doubt it in the least; you are the most punctual and never-failing man in keeping appointments I ever saw."—Columbus (Ohio) State Journal.

The Point of View.

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Loyalty.

"What did you smash 'im foh?"
"He insulted a frien' er mine."
"Go way! What did he say?"
"He said dat nex' ter me, my frien' wuh de mos' ignu't pusson in dis community."—Washington Star.

To know how to wait is the great secret of success.—De Maistre.



The Arnewood Mystery

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CHAPTER I. (Continued.)

What mattered the difference between bed and sofa in his muddled state? Now that his raging thirst was satisfied, his sole desire was to lie down and pass off once more into oblivion. With a weary sigh, that was a half-groan, he threw himself upon the couch, and nearly dislodged its occupant.

"Uncommon odd," he muttered, groping vaguely at the prostrate figure. "Some other chap here, too! Perhaps the Johnny—I met in the fog," he added, with a dim recollection of recent events.

Yet, even in the dark, and to his disordered brain, there was something strongly repellent about that motionless form. He felt impelled to arouse this unknown sharer of his room and bear him talk. And so, with nervous, shaking hand, he pulled at the enveloping cloak, at first hesitatingly, then more boldly; but in vain.

"Come—I say—wake up, will you?" he pleaded, in jerky accents. "You give me the jumps!"

Still no reply, no movement from that prostrate form. Poor Webb's nerves, already badly unstrung, could stand the strain no longer. Trembling from head to foot, he groped his way to the mantelpiece, found a box of matches, and managed to light a candle. Then, half-paralyzed with the vague dread of some impending terror, he returned to the sofa. The pale light of the candle fell upon the livid, distorted face of a corpse!

The shock of such a discovery, under similar conditions of horror, would certainly tax to the utmost the self-possession of the most iron-nerved of men. Upon brain-weakened, nerve-shattered Tom Webb it was simply overpowering; he essayed to cry out; but the vocal chords were paralyzed by terror, and naught but a gurgling sob issued from his lips. With a tremendous effort he brought himself to jerk the cloak so as to cover the dead man's face, and then, as though himself stricken by a mortal blow, he staggered towards the door. His brain was a blank, his one guiding instinct to escape from that ghastly presence. His hat chanced to meet his eye, and he put it on. Then he slunk out of the room, as though fearful of disturbing him who lay upon the sofa, crept to the hall door, and fled forth into the darkness and fog. Fled, he knew not whither. Fled, blindly, wildly, in a mad effort to escape the haunting stare of two great, protruding eyes.

CHAPTER II.

Ralph Weston Opens the Case.

I, Ralph Weston, junior partner in the firm of Hawkins & Weston, private inquiry agents, have been requested to set down in narrative form such circumstances connected with the so-called Arnewood Mystery case as came under my own personal observation. The task is, in some respects, an easy one enough, inasmuch as I have ample notes and an excellent memory to work upon; but my literary experience being by no means on a par with my knowledge of the case, I fear that I must crave an abundant indulgence for inartistic use of the ample material at my disposal. With which brief preamble I now proceed.

The night of Thursday, Nov. 19th, was one of the foggiest and bleakest nights I ever was out in. On my way home I ran across a former schoolfellow, Tom Webb, who had given away badly to habits of intemperance, and in whose welfare I was strongly interested. His teeth were chattering with cold; and, despite the bitter weather, he had no overcoat.

I could see he was not sober; indeed, he seldom or never was, I fear. Still, I could not well refuse his request for a drink, and took him with me to my chambers. There, in addition to helping himself freely to liquor, he contrived (as I afterwards discovered) to purloin half a bottleful of whisky.

He refused absolutely to stay over night. So I lent him a spare overcoat, and he started homeward just as the clock of St. Martin's church was striking 2 a. m. I felt somewhat uneasy after he had gone, especially when I noticed the disappearance of my whisky; but, of course, I could do nothing, and had to content myself with hoping that he would reach his lodging in safety. He lived at No. 18, Cato street, Soho.

The contents bill of the early editions of the evening papers next day made the not very uncommon announcement of a "Tragedy in Soho"; but I was greatly startled to find that the scene of the said tragedy was the identical house in which Tom Webb lodged. The first details published were very meagre. The dead body of a gentleman, unknown, had been discovered in a room rented by a lodger, whose whereabouts were not at present known, and upon whom, of course, the gravest suspicion rested. I at once hastened to Cato street.

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"No clue yet, I suppose, as to his identity?" I remarked to Inspector Traill, who had accompanied me into the room, as I glanced toward the sofa. "No," was the reply, "except that the style of the clothing seems to indicate a foreigner or one recently returned from abroad. The post-mortem this afternoon may reveal something; but, so far, we only know that a stranger was found here a few hours ago strangled to death."

"Strangled!" I repeated. "That is rather out of the common nowadays, isn't it?"

"Perhaps so," he rejoined; "but the indications are too plain to be mistaken in this case." So saying, he made a sign to the constable, who removed the cloak sufficiently to expose the dead man's face and throat. The inspector was clearly right. The unattractively prominent eyes, the partly protruding tongue, the discolored skin of the throat, pointed to the cause of death plainly enough. The marks upon the throat had for me an especial interest, and I studied them so long and carefully that Inspector Traill looked at me inquiringly when my examination was over.

"The man who effected that job must have very large as well as very powerful hands," I remarked, "judging from the length and width of his grip."

Inspector Traill pricked up his ears, so to speak, and nodded approvingly. We had often had friendly discussions as to the value of deductive methods in difficult cases, and, although he was wont to wax very scornful over the fictitious triumphs of Vidocq and Sherlock Holmes, he was not above taking what he termed a "common-sense hint" upon a point that had escaped his own observation.

"That's so," he said, quietly, producing his note book. "Anything else?" "Yes," I continued. "He is a member of the working class, probably an artisan in one of the so-called 'black trades.'"

"What makes you think so?" "A well-defined thumb-mark upon the strangled man's collar," I explained. "A dirty, coarse-grained thumb-mark, such as could only be produced by a thumb well-stained by iron-nails or other metallic dust."

"H'm!" growled the inspector. "You are pushing your inference rather too far, I think. However, I'll have a good look at the mark myself, presently. And now, I'd like to know, Mr. Weston, why you seem to be so interested in this case? Murders are not much in your line, as a rule, are they?"

"No," I answered. "They are not. But I'm an old friend of the missing tenant of this room—Tom Webb."

"The deuce you are!" he interrupted. "Then I'm afraid you're the friend of an extremely bad lot."

"You're wrong!" I protested, warmly. "There is no radical badness in the man, though he has wrecked himself through drink. I daresay the landlord here has given him an evil character as a frequenter of low pot-houses, and who is always in arrears with his rent. Likely enough; but I'd stake my life he is utterly incapable of hand or part in a crime like this."

"Then why run away like any other guilty man?"

"I don't believe he was able to find his way back here at all in last night's fog," I said, confidently. And, without further preface, I narrated how Tom had left my rooms drunk, and with a further supply of purloined whisky, at 2 a. m. I added my conviction that either some accident had befallen him, or that he was lying in some lock-up, too hopelessly intoxicated to give any account of himself.

Inspector Traill heard me out, and then quietly produced a latch-key. "It was found upon the carpet here this morning, and the landlord identifies it by a private mark as the one used by Webb. So that, innocent or guilty, it is clear he found his way back here; and, although that scarcely convicts him of having choked a man to death, still, taken in conjunction with his flight, it looks rather black against him."

The discovery of the latch-key was certainly a deadly blow to my theory that Tom had never reached his home at all; and I was beginning to realize that the experienced detective's suspicions were, after all, in strict accord with all the available evidence. But I still utterly scouted the idea of Tom having had any active share in the crime.

"Tom Webb choke a man!" I exclaimed, indignantly. "Why, he hasn't strength in his wasted, skinny hands to choke a chicken! And, besides, the marks upon that poor fellow's throat indicate the fingers of a giant."

"That's right enough," assented Traill. "From your description of this Webb, he simply couldn't have done this job himself. But, as you know well enough, this is one of the worst districts in London for scoundrels of

every sort and race. Your friend's drunken habits seem to have led him into all sorts of low dens, that is, all sorts of rascally company, and I'm afraid you'll find he was persuaded or entrapped into complicity, at all events, into this affair. Then, I suppose, he took fright and ran away. However, we shall probably soon learn his version of the matter. He cannot have got very far away, and a full description of him has already been circulated."

Neither the exact results of the post-mortem nor the verdict of the coroner's jury had any special interest for me; and, moreover, they would be published in late editions of the evening papers. So I thanked Inspector Traill and pushed my way, not without some trouble, through the dense crowd of loafers and disreputables that always seem to gather around the scene of a crime. I had other important inquiry work on hand, which I could not afford to neglect in order to indulge in speculation as to the exact cause of Tom Webb's disappearance.

Not until late that night did I have an opportunity of scanning a "special" "Westminster," from which I learned that the inquest had resulted in a verdict of "Willful murder against Thomas Webb and some other person or persons unknown."

CHAPTER III.

At Fault.

I saw Inspector Traill several times during the following week, and he seemed more and more worried and anxious each time we met. The reason was simple. The Cato Street case had been entrusted to his special charge, and had proved to be one of unexpected difficulty. It had seemed to be a foregone conclusion that the missing tenant, Tom Webb, must inevitably be traced and captured within a few hours. Yet, so far, not the faintest clue to his whereabouts had been obtained; while, as for his supposed accomplices, they were equally undiscoverable.

This, from a detective's point of view, was a most aggravating state of affairs; but, perhaps, worse still, he had, despite the most strenuous efforts, entirely failed to establish the identity of the murdered man. I attempted to console him by pointing out that the entire police force was equally responsible for these failures; which were due to the stupidity or laziness of an army of constables scattered all over the country; but he found no comfort in my words.

"That sounds reasonable enough," he remarked, blimly; "but it won't go down with my chiefs, nor with the public, either, for the matter of that. The man in charge of the case is the man the chief looks to for results. I am in charge of this case. I have got no results, and I'll be hanged if I see any way of getting any."

"Then you deem this case to be an exceptionally difficult one?"

"Yes, now I do; though I did not think so at first," he acknowledged. "Webb's capture seemed certain, and I counted on hearing something in the Soho slums; especially as I believed in your theory as to the murderer being a workman. You ought to know, by this time, Mr. Weston, that in tracking down a criminal, we rely, almost entirely, upon what is officially termed 'information received.' And, of course, this simply means information extorted by bribes or threats from the suspected man's pals. But very careful inquiries have satisfied me that, in the present case, no such information will ever be forthcoming; because the man I want had no pals, at least among the known law-breaking lot."

"Well, but what about Webb?" I asked. "I am convinced he did not leave the house in Cato street by himself, otherwise he could not possibly (in his drunken condition) have escaped the search that was almost immediately made for him. It was the other man—the man with the strong grip—who got him away; and it's very long odds against his being alive now. It stands to reason that the murderer would not intrust the safety of his neck to the keeping of a nervous drunkard, who might, at any moment, blab the fatal secret. No, no! The reason Webb has not been found is that he has been made away with."

There was a ring of conviction in Traill's voice which, backed up by the obvious force of his reasoning, made me feel very despondent as to poor Webb's fate. Let me frankly admit that it was not from any especial love I bore the man. I doubt if it were possible for any one (except, perhaps, some poor martyr-wife) to care long for a confirmed drunkard. But I was very fond of his youngest sister, Madge. We were tacitly, almost avowedly, engaged to be married; and, in every letter I received from her, she begged for news of her brother, who had long ceased to correspond with any of his own people. Hitherto I had managed to evade telling her the truth as to Tom's downfall. Why make her, and the kindly old couple, her parents, miserable by telling them that the hope and pride of the family had gone utterly to the dogs? And so I had kept back the real facts, hoping (almost against hope) that he would turn over a new leaf and be a man again.

I had latterly felt more awkwardly situated than ever with respect to Madge, and had put off writing to her because I simply had not the moral courage even to hint at the disaster which had overtaken her vagabond brother. I preferred, somehow, to let her get the first news of the trouble through some other source—say, a chance newspaper paragraph. Yet I felt now that I could not well remain silent any longer in the face of Inspector Traill's conviction that Tom had met with foul play. The question simply was, how I could best break the sad news.

As so often happens in real life, the problem solved itself. By the last post that night I received two letters, one of them from Madge. It was very short, but very much to the point. She implored me to ascertain, and let her know at once, that the enclosed cutting from the "Dorset Courier" had no reference to her brother. The inclosure ran thus:

"Another London Mystery—The corpse of a gentleman, believed to be a foreigner, has been discovered in a Soho lodging house. The medical evidence shows death to have resulted from strangulation, and as neither money nor valuables of any sort were found on deceased, it is inferred that plunder was the motive of the crime. The tenant of the room in which the body was found was a man named Tom Webb, described as a journalist and as of notoriously intemperate habits. He, however, has not been seen since the eve of the gruesome discovery, and the coroner's jury had no hesitation in arriving at a verdict of willful murder against him and other persons unknown. The police are of opinion that several persons must have been concerned in the affair, but are very reticent as to such clues as they possess. We understand that the deceased has not been identified."

Poor little Madge! I could quite realize her anxiety. She knew, of course, that Tom's profession was that of a journalist, and I daresay she more than suspected his weakness for strong waters. And, now, here was a man, thus closely tallying in description and of the same name, charged with murder! Poor Madge! My heart bled for her! But what could I do to comfort her?

I did my best. I wrote her a long letter, stating the case as hopefully as I could. Of Tom's absolute innocence of any deliberate share in the atrocious crime I expressed my absolute conviction; but there was no blinking the facts that the body was found in his room, and that he had himself disappeared.

"Of course," I added, "this was bound to direct a certain amount of suspicion against him, and, as you must see yourself, justified the verdict of the coroner's jury, in the absence of other evidence. But it will console you to know that even the detective officer in charge of the case no longer believes in Tom's guilt, though he thinks he was made a tool of. So be a brave girl, Madge, and don't fret. You know that, from the very nature of my business, I am in a good position to watch the course of events; and I need hardly assure you that I will leave no effort unmade to clear up this distressing affair. I shall, if I possibly can manage it, run down to Dorchester within a few days, and it is quite on the cards I may bring you some good news. Meanwhile, keep up a brave heart, and believe steadfastly in poor Tom's innocence."

The other letter was a somewhat bulky one. It was from Inspector Traill, and the contents proved to be of most absorbing interest. Apparently, the inspector had been very busy when he sent his dispatch, which contained merely a few words, scrawled in pencil, on a scrap of paper, to explain their drift. "See what you can make of inclosed notes," the message ran, "and let me know results as soon as possible." Apparently, Mr. Traill was coming round to deductive methods, after all.

The notes were somewhat voluminous and in a very disconnected order; but they included everything that had so far been discovered, and amply repaid perusal. Personally, I was rather methodical in my habits, and, as I read, I took down some more condensed notes of my own.

Nature of Case—Murder by strangulation of man unknown, reported by Constable Dwyer, at 10:20 a. m., Nov. 20th, as having occurred at 18, Cato street, Soho. From statement of the landlord, George Marsh, it appears that he entered a room on the ground floor occupied by one Thomas Webb, a journalist, who was in arrears with his rent. Webb was not there, nor had the bed been slept in; but upon the sofa lay the dead body of a stranger covered by a cloak. Webb's latch-key was found upon the floor.

Description of deceased.—Length, 5 feet 10 inches. Strong build; well-nourished, apparently about thirty-two years of age. Hair: dark-brown. Eyes: grey. Teeth: sound, regular; somewhat discolored, as by chewing. Dressed in blue serge suit, with brown gaiters and heavy boots, all seemingly of foreign make. Linen marked L. A. No valuables or papers whatever. Two body-marks: letters L. A. tattooed upon left forearm, with small anchor; on right breast a floating spar, also tattooed, with L. N. upon it.

The Missing Lodger, Webb.—Aged about thirty; but looks older. Average height, thin, round-shouldered, slouching gait. Dark hair, grey in places. Blue eyes, usually bloodshot. Reputed to be habitually a drunkard, but nothing known against him otherwise.

Result of Inquiries.—So far, practically nil. Webb has not been traced, nor is there any clue to the identity of the murdered man. Webb would seem to be physically incapable of the crime; and the theory gains ground that he, too, has been made away with by the actual perpetrator.

There are very copious notes regarding the post-mortem and the inquest, but they did not throw any fresh light upon the subject, so far as I could judge.

Lastly, there were two poorly-developed photographs of the murdered man's ghastly, swollen face, pasted on two pieces of white card board. They might, of course, some day prove of use as a means of identification, although I doubted whether the unfortunate gentleman's most intimate friend would ever be very positive in recognizing those distorted features.

Now, all this was very interesting, but it did not help much towards the elucidation of Tom Webb's fate; and such was the opinion I expressed to Mr. Traill when I took him back his notes and photographs.

"H'm! Perhaps not," he assented, somewhat gruffly. "But I think it improves my chances of finding out who the dead man was, and my only hope of working the case lies through him. It seems most likely, judging from the tattoo marks, that he was, or had been at some time, a sailor by profession. Indeed, one might almost go to the length of believing him to have been in the Royal navy."

"Why so?" I inquired. "That's how I interpret the letters R. N. on his right breast," was the reply, given with a certain amount of self-complacency. "How does the idea strike you?"

"It seems reasonable enough," I assented, "though they are just as likely to be the initials of his own name."

(To Be Continued.)

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

SOME GOOD JOKES, ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

A Variety of Quips, Glibes and Ironies, to Cause a Smile—Flotsam and Jetsam from the Tide of Humor—Witty Sayings.

"You Did." It's good to wander back again Among the old home folks, It rather satisfies a man To hear the same old jokes; To hear somebody say: "I knew You when you were a kid." But someone always tells you of The foolish things you did.

Your heart beats lighter as it did In long-forgotten days, When at some well-remembered spot Reflectively you gaze. But it seems queer that all your good And noble deeds are hid, And people only call to mind The foolish things you did.

They talk of others who've gone out Into some foreign land; They tell of things these other folks Have done—and they seem grand. But when it comes to talk of you, Their minds cannot be rid Of the belief you'd like to hear The foolish things you did.

You know you've done a thing or two Which show you've got some sense, But every time they talk of you They're certain to commence With tales of "What a fool you were When you lived here—a kid." They have forgotten all except The foolish things you did. —Baltimore American.

Saving to the Last. "You have only an hour longer to live," said the physician, solemnly, to the wealthy miser on his deathbed. "Is there anything you wish attended to before you pass away?"

"Yes," answered the stricken man in faint yet eager tones. "I am glad you spoke of it. Send for the barber at once and have him shave me before I die. I only have to pay him 50 cents for coming in to shave me now, and the regular price is \$1 for shaving a dead man. Might as well save that half-dollar while I'm about it."—New York World.

Where He'd Go. "Aren't you afraid the law will take us in hand for gambling?" said the timid man who had just been persuaded into making an election bet. "Never mind," answered the confident politician. "Even if it does, you're all right. They wouldn't send you to jail for making that bet. They'd send you to the insane asylum."—Washington Star.

In Boston Sure. "Put me off at Beacon street," said the fair passenger to the Boston trolley conductor.

"I will notify you when Beacon street is reached," replied the conductor, "and be glad to assist you to alight, but I couldn't entertain the brutal thought of putting you off, my dear lady."—Philadelphia North American.

No Longer a Competitor. He—"Don't you think that girl over there is beautiful?" She (coldly critical)—"Oh, I don't know. Who is she?" He—Mrs. Nuter. Just been married. She—Yes. I think she is—quite beautiful.—Detroit Free Press.

The Savage Bachelor. The Sweet Young Thing—But on what do you base your idea that Hamlet was feeble-minded?

The Savage Bachelor—Mainly on the fact that so many women want to play the part.—Indianapolis Journal.

Followed Instructions. Aunt M'riar—Hiram, hev ye got John's letter?

Hiram Otecake—Naw; wuzn't nuthin' important in it, but ther envelope sez, "Return in five days," so I delve it.—New York World.

Exclusive.

Maud—They say Mrs. Tomby is very exclusive. Ethel (whom she snubs)—Yes, I hear that some of her teeth even don't move in the same set as the others.

The Boy's Reason. "At a former pastorate," says an Auburn clergyman, "I once saw a boy give another boy of his size a terrible trouncing. So far as I could see he had no provocation. I was interested to know why he had administered the punishment. Stepping along to him I said:

"'You've been whipping that boy?' " 'Yes,' he replied. " 'Well,' said I, 'why did you do it?' " 'Cause I could,' replied the boy. That was the only reason. I suppose there are older folks who do queer things for the same reason."—Lewis, yn (Maine) Journal.

The Old Man's Occupation. "It's a queer world," said the old man, "when you come to think it over. You know, I eddicated Jim fer a lawyer?"

"Yes." "An' Bill fer a preacher?" "Exactly." "An' Tom fer one o' those here literary fellers?" "I've heard so." "An' Dick fer a doctor?" "Yes." "Well, now, what do you reckon I'm a-doin' of?" "Can't say." "Well, sir, you mout not believe it, but I'm a-supportin' of Jim an' Bill, an' Tom, an' Dick, an' it keeps me a-goin' from daylight to dark!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Why She Was Dropped. "How did Clara happen to lose her social position?" asked the girl who had been to Europe and was consequently out of touch with home affairs. "Oh, we had to drop her," replied the girl who had remained at home. "We found that she had a chance to marry a millionaire of 62 years of age and she refused him for a comparatively poor young man of 24."

A Big Hay Crop.

Rutts—I see by de papers dat dey had a big hay crop in Kentucky. Wraggs—Dat's good. I allus wus used ter plenty of bed clothes.

A Theory Proved. Jim—"Honesty is the best policy after all." Bill—"How?" "Remember that dog I stole?" "Yes."

"Well, I tried two hull days to sell 'im an' no one offered more'n a bob. So I went an' guv him to the lady what owned 'im an' she guv me 'alf a sovering."—Tit-Bits.

His Fortune Made. "I think," said the ingenious man, "that I have an invention at last which will make my fortune."

"What is it?" "It is a camera for use in fishing camps. It exaggerates the size of the fish, while taking the fisherman at his normal size."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

He Concurred. Miss Vassar—Don't you think Miss Springtime is a charming poetess? Uncle Solomon—Oh, yes, a very sweet poetess, and her cousin, Miss Chalmers, is a charming paintress, and her Aunt Lucree is an excellent sculptress, and her mother used to be an excellent dishwasheress.—Harlem Life.

She Holds Him to It. Downtrod—Never write letters, my boy, that you'll regret in after life. Dewtell—You speak as from experience? Downtrod—I do. In early correspondence with her who is now my wife I signed myself "Your obedient servant."—Tit-Bits.

How Some Men Do It. "He told me last week that he had to economize, but I don't see that he has been doing it." "Oh, well, you wouldn't notice it, anyway. You see, he economizes by cutting down his wife's expenses."—Chicago Post.

Another Problem. She—A mathematician has figured it out that a man 60 years old has spent three years of his life buttoning his collar.

He—Is that so! I wonder how many years of her life a woman of 45 has wasted in putting her hat on straight.—Chicago News.

Considerate.

She—I hope you don't expect me to believe that ancient "sick friend" excuse. He—Certainly not. But I thought it would be more considerate than telling you it was none of your business.—Indianapolis Journal.

Realized It.

Collector—"I shall leave you now, but I will come again." Poorpay—"I don't doubt it in the least; you are the most punctual and never-failing man in keeping appointments I ever saw."—Columbus (Ohio) State Journal.

The Point of View. Exasperated Old Gentleman (to lady in front of him)—"Excuse me, madam, but my seat has cost me 10 shillings and I want to see. Your hat—"

The Lady—"My hat has cost me 10 guineas and I want it to be seen!"—London Punch.

Loyalty. "What did you smash 'im foh?" "He insulted a frien' er mine." "Go way! What did he say?" "He said dat nex' ter me, my frien' wah de mos' ignu't pusson in dis community."—Washington Star.

To know how to wait is the great secret of success.—De Maistre.



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Here is evidence:

"My wife was troubled with a deep-seated cough on her lungs for three years. One day I thought of how Ayer's Cherry Pectoral saved the life of my sister after the doctors had all given her up to die. So I purchased two bottles, and it cured my wife completely. It took only one bottle to cure my sister. So you see that three bottles (one dollar each) saved two lives. We all send you our heartfelt thanks for what you have done for us."—J. H. BURGE, Macon, Col., Jan. 13, 1899.

Now, for the first time you can get a trial bottle of Cherry Pectoral for 25 cents. Ask your druggist.

WEEDS HAVE NUTRITIVE VALUE.

Many People Regard Them as Delicacies of the Table.

The dandelion isn't the only weed eaten by people who know what's good to eat. Take wild chicory, the plague of the farmer. It makes one of the finest salads served—piquant, tender and wholesome. Charlock, or wild mustard, is another bane of the farmer. He doesn't know that as a pot herb it can give a delightful flavor. The dock-weeds—how annoying the whole family are! Yet the broad-leaf variety and the curly leaf all over Europe as table vegetables. There's pokeweed, commonest of them all. In France it is cultivated. It takes the place of sage, thyme, parsley and bay leaves as a favoring for soup.

Everybody in America hates a nettle, and can't see what use it is. In Scotland, Poland and Germany tender young nettle leaves are used as greens. The Germans boil them with other vegetables to give them a piquant flavor. Purslane is another weed that can be treated the same way. Most people think milkweed poisonous. It is a medicinal vegetable, with a delightful flavor of its own. The young leaves, when they are just in the right condition, are a cross between spinach and asparagus, and in a salad are delicious. Sorrel, fennel and chervil are looked on as field pests by ninety-nine out of every hundred farmers. The one hundredth one picks the choicest leaves from these weeds and sends them to market, where they find a ready sale for salads to be eaten with game and for flavoring herbs—for herbs they are, and not weeds.—Industrial Journal.

Shoot Him on Judgment Day.

"I will have to give a word or two in explanation, in order to insure a thorough appreciation of this story," said J. R. Rockhill of Chicago, at the Fifth Avenue hotel, recently. "In the Southern Illinois town where my father resides, there used to be a selectman named Watkins, who had held office so long and reached so advanced an age that folks about few die and none resign," he had solved the question of living forever, etc., were continually applied to him. Another selectman by the name of Lindsey, who was something of a wit, was very sick and not expected to live, and while he was in this state Watkins fell ill of pneumonia, from which disease he subsequently died. A friend calling on Lindsey told him of Watkins' illness and that his death was momentarily expected. A twinkle crept into Lindsey's eye as he whispered to his friend: 'No; Watkins won't die this time. He'll never die. They'll have to shoot him on judgment day.'—New York Tribune.

A New Version.

"Sir, how is it you advertise all the beer a fellow can drink for 5 cents, and then stop me on one glass after I have paid my money?" indignantly demanded Hungry Willie.

"I advertised all the beer you can drink for 5 cents, didn't I?" asked the bartender.

"You did, sir," replied Willie.

"Well, that's all the beer you can drink for 5 cents in this place. See?"—Baltimore News.

The Best She Could Do.

"Ah! Angelica, if you only knew how I love you, you would not be so formal with me. Call me Fred, darling; call me dearest!"

"I am sorry, Mr. Softly," replied she, "but the best I can do for you is to call you down."—Baltimore News.

A Happy Thought.

"Let's reverse the conditions," said the seedy-looking man to the waiter. "You sit down and I'll serve you, and with the tip you are in the habit of getting from other people I'll be able to get a square meal somewhere else."—Philadelphia North American.

A Brand New Christmas

(For the Children.)

The Barnes children couldn't have any Christmas this year. They live in the country, and there were trees enough, to be sure. But there was nothing to put on one to make it look "sparkly," as a tree ought to look, and there was not a penny to spend for tree trimmings.

The Barnes children, however, had a jollier time than they had ever had with a tree. Joe said so, and George said so, too; and Grace and Winnie agreed with them. This is how it was done. A delightful young auntie lives with them. They call her the Lady with a Bright Idea. She always has a new bright idea just in the nick of time, but this year it did seem as if the idea was brighter than ever. It fairly shone.

"We'll give the presents in a funny way," she said to the children. "Yes, we'll give them in two or three funny ways. You'll see!"

There was a very mysterious feeling in the air Christmas morning. Everybody looked at everybody else, and then they all smiled. Something good was going to happen. When the breakfast



THEN OFF THE CHILDREN RAN. Plates were lifted, there were little envelopes tied with gay ribbons. Such a time as the children had untying them! In each was a card, and on each card was a verse, signed, "The Christmas Postman."

Joe shouted as he read his aloud: "When you get this, dear Joe, You must straight away go And look under your bed, But pray don't bump your head." Joe jumped up, but auntie called, "Here, you must wait until the rest have read their notes, and all start at once."

The verses were all short. George read his next: "Look behind your closet door, For a great big package on the floor." Grace read:

"In the northeast chamber, out of sight, Under the coverlet, snowy white, You'll find a gift if you search just right."

Last came Winnie's: "A present lies on the garret stair; I think that Santa Claus dropped it there."

Then off the children ran to search for their presents. Such a stamping and scuffling and shouting as the

grown people heard! Pretty soon they came rushing in, one after the other. Then such an untying of strings and tearing off of wrapping papers as there was!

"Auntie! Auntie!" they shouted. "These are your presents! You are the Christmas postman!"

Auntie's gifts were not to be mistaken. She made them nearly always. Joe's was an envelope album for scraps. Joe liked to cut all sorts of things out of newspapers and magazines. The scrap-album was made of twenty-six big brown envelopes, tied together by cords, in a pasteboard cover. They could be taken out when filled and new ones put in.

George's "great big package" was a wooden box made into a nice little store. It had shelves and counters, and a set of scales besides.

Grace's gift was a fancy work bag, with pockets holding embroidery silks. It had some crochet needles and a pair of embroidery hoops, and some pretty dollies ready to begin work on.

Winnie's gift was an afghan, pillow and strap for her doll carriage. The afghan was made out of pink and white worsted knitted in stripes. The pillow was of pink silk, over which was a cover of Swiss with a lace ruffle. The strap was a piece of white ribbon with little pink flowers painted on it.

As the children were exclaiming over these gifts, they were startled by a loud noise at the door that led into the dining room from the hall. Bang! Bang! The boys ran to open the door. There stood their father. He had slipped away while they were upstairs, and they had not missed him. He had a trunk, covered with cotton and trimmed with evergreen, on his shoulder.

"Express from Santa Claus," he cried.

"Ho, ho! Express from Santa Claus!" the children shouted, dancing around the room.

It was a regular Christmas trunk, when opened. "Merry Christmas," was printed in green letters on a white ground inside the lid, and everything in the trunk was done up in white paper, tied with green cord. In each was stuck a sprig of evergreen. In the trunk were all the presents from papa and mamma to the children, and from the three grown folks to each other. Most of the gifts were homemade, and not costly, but all were received with delight. There never was such a jolly Christmas trunk!

"Why, we haven't given our presents to each other!" cried Winnie at last. Each of the four children always had some trifling gift for the other three.

"I'll tell you a nice way to give them!" exclaimed auntie. "All mark your presents with the first names of those they are for, and bring them to me. Then we'll go to the sitting-room and play 'hunt the thimble' with each bundle. The one whose name is on it must go out while we hide it."

And off they trooped to collect their bundles and to spend a merry morning hunting for them.—Annie Willis McCullough in Youth's Companion.

Conformity to the teachings of Christ will restore the prestige of the church. Freedom to worship God is inalienable.—Rev. W. H. Tubb.

KEEP OLD SANTA CLAUS.



SANTA CLAUS AS WE KNOW HIM.

If all the little fictitious, fairy tales and fancies dear to children were to be given up, what would become of the imaginations of the coming generation? We have been called a practical people. So we are. If anything, too practical. As we grow older the realities of life crowd thick and fast upon us. Why then seek to destroy one of the most beautiful ideals of childhood?

Let the little ones hang up their stockings on Christmas eve. Let them believe in the dear old white-bearded man who is one of their happiest illusions, and, above all, let them be real children while they may, not miniature men and women, tired of the ideal side of life before they leave the nursery for the schoolroom.

Yes, we believe that the best and truest mother can with perfect justice to both her children and herself conscientiously decide to keep Santa Claus in the especial niche in which

he has sat enthroned for ages past. Give us Santa Claus! Throw the good old saint out into the snow? Put away those delicious Christmas eve dreams, when every stir in the household after dusk meant the stamp of a reindeer? Bring up a child without the belief in the chimney and its capacity to stretch on Christmas eve?

No; a thousand times no!

There's too little poetry in life now. Let the children have all of it they can get. Says a recent writer: "I wish there was a grown-up Santa Claus. I'd love to believe in him, and I would not thank anyone who told me he wasn't true. I'd listen to his sleigh bells with something very much like rapture, I'm afraid. It wouldn't be for the presents, either. That isn't why the children love Santa Claus. They love him because he means that somewhere there's a great-hearted creature, who is thinking of them and planning all the year through to delight them."

WHY SANTA CLAUS IS CUPID.

Santa Claus, the dear old stupid, Paid a call last night to Cupid. Brought him posies, gay old givers! Silver arrows and a quiver.

Then the wakeful boy, upstarting, Saw the saint in haste departing— Seized an arrow, thankless Cupid, Winged it straight at "dear old Stupid."

This the way, and that the reason, Merry maids, this Christmas season, Find his bounty overflowing— Revel in its rich bestowing.

This is why, the country over, Morning smiled on lass and lover. This is why the dear old stupid Claims tonight that he is Cupid.



Goldilocks and I were walking back of Moss valley and happened to step, together, upon the Enchanted Flying Phantom Field. In a moment we were flying through the air, and in less time than you can count six plainly we were once more in Fairyland, under Tam-alpais mountain.

And then what do you think we saw?

Santa Claus picking plum puddings from trees! Real plum puddings from real trees!

This was in the plum pudding orchard which the fairies planted, long ago, for Santa Claus. He was whistling and chuckling and laughing. "Ho! ho! ho!" and sometimes slyly winking one eye as he viewed the many growing heaps of puddings as he laid them under the trees, and thought what jollity there would be Christmas day when they were eaten—and what tum-myches afterwards!

Goldilocks thought the plum pudding orchard wonderful. It was watered by sparkling rills and was surrounded by hedges upon which candied and nuts and oranges were growing. These hedges were made all of Christmas trees, the burning little candles on which furnish Santa Claus light at night to work by. He will have only the candles to work by because they seem to bring him nearer to his mil-



PICKING PLUM PUDDINGS.

lions of dear children, and—a secret—Santa Claus is in as much of a hurry for Christmas eve as you are.

The plum pudding orchard had hundreds and thousands of trees in it. The way the trees came to bear plum puddings was this: They were grafted. The bread-fruit trees furnished grafts for plum pudding dough, and grafts from rasin grape vines, citron trees and current bushes supplied other "fixings." The birds brought oak and holly leaves and Christmas berries for decorations. The sun browned the puddings just right and the leaves on the plum pudding trees turned snowy white just in time to furnish plum pudding bags—one for every pudding and not one to spare. The stems grew into pudding bag strings. The trees bent low with their weight of puddings. The air smelled as sweet as a thousand Christmas dinners all in one!

When Santa Claus had pulled all the puddings from the trees new ones sprouted—for birthdays and next Thanksgiving.

Jingle, jingle, tinkle, tinkle! Santa Claus' reindeer stamped their little feet until all the bells on their harnesses jingled and tinkled again, while waiting for Santa Claus and the thousand fairies who helped him to load the puddings into his sleigh to carry them to the Boy Proof Pantry of Ten Thousand Shelves. Some fairies, when the first sleigh load was on its way to the pantry, gathered the small piles of puddings into one great heap. Then along came the bad boy fairy, tied two dozen puddings together by the pudding bag strings and fastened them to his kite, which drew the long string of puddings away up into the sky.

One fairy, leaning backward to watch the kite, lost his balance and fell against the small mountain of puddings. They began to roll and roll and chased each other and chased us, but they were not hurt one bit. Santa Claus laughed louder than ever when he came back and saw the fun and he winked one eye at the bad boy fairy and shook one finger at him, as he saw the boy stick in his thumb and pull out a plum.

When Goldilocks and I stopped running we were outside of Fairyland, but we could still hear the puddings rolling softly about and Santa Claus laughing—while still upward flew the kite, skyward, with its plum pudding tail.

No word is ill spoken if it be not ill taken.—Proverb.

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Self-Possession.

Jinks—Was Coulter cool and collected at the time of the fire?

Jenks—I should think so. He took time to take off his nightshirt and put on a suit of pajamas.—New York Press.

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She—In a minute.

He—Darling.

She—Here I am, dearest. What is it.

He—Nothing. Just darling!—New York Press.

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N. W. N. U. —No. 51.— 1899.

Local News Condensed.

The city schools close today for the holiday vacation.

The Pabst Brewing Co. have decided to close their agency in Brainerd.

A good Christmas gift—a scholarship in the Brainerd Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Beck have a new daughter at their home, born Dec. 14th.

J. W. Stearns will give a turkey shoot Christmas afternoon at Bacon's flat.

The Armour Packing Co. have removed their office to rooms in the Y. M. C. A. building.

Begin the new year right by laying a sure and sound foundation for success in life—business education.

White Cross Lodge, No. 30, Knights of Pythias, will confer the rank of Knight on three candidates this evening.

To get ahead in this world you must get a head well filled with practical knowledge such as is obtained at the Brainerd Business College.

G. W. Small has sold his rubber stamp works and job printing outfit to Jesse B. Steinhour, who formerly ran the business.

The Retail Clerk's dance advertised to occur Christmas night at Walker hall will not take place until Friday evening, Dec. 29.

Judicious buyers will patronize the merchants who tell the public what they have for sale through the medium of the DISPATCH advertising columns.

Violet LeClair is one of the cleverest on the stage today, she will appear at each performance of Cornyn & Lindsay's Bijou Comedy Co., during their engagement in this city.

The Retail Clerk's Union will give a social hop at Walker's hall Christmas night, Dec. 25. It is the second of a series and Kelsey's orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

Barney Dolan, general superintendent for Ray Jones at Frazee, is at the Lumbermen's hospital suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism. Mrs. Dolan is also in the city.

The curtain is never down during the performance of Cornyn & Lindsay's Bijou Comedy Company. Up to date specialties are introduced between the acts—making continuous performance.

The Sunday school of the Swedish Lutheran church will hold its festival on Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, at 7 o'clock. An admission of ten cents will be charged by which to help cover the expenses for the festival. Children admitted free.

Master George Ribble gave a party to his young friends Saturday afternoon last, the occasion being his fifth birthday. Elegant refreshments were served and a pleasant time enjoyed. Many nice remembrances of the occasion were received.

A dance will be given by the Sylvan Lake Quadrille Club at Jones' hall on Monday evening, Dec. 24th. Music will be furnished by Whitford's orchestra, tickets for dance and supper being \$1.00. W. B. Jones, the manager, promises a very pleasant time on this occasion for those who attend.

The Little Falls Transcript says that Miss Maud Terry, who for some time conducted a millinery store in this city, left Monday morning on the coast bound Northern Pacific train for Spring Valley, Oregon, where her mother, two brothers and a sister now reside. Her relatives left here last spring, and are now greatly pleased with that section of the state. Miss Terry intends to remain there.

The Pioneer Press says Mrs. Annie Stipe, until recently a resident of Brainerd, died suddenly at the home of a friend at St. Louis Park yesterday morning. The cause of death will be determined by an autopsy ordered by the coroner. Mrs. Stipe was forty-six years of age, and had had a great deal of trouble. She had frequently expressed the hope that death would come and relieve her troubles. She recently secured a divorce from Theodore Stipe. The latter is now in Idaho. Mrs. Stipe has been an inmate of the asylum for the insane at Fergus Falls.

A large line of elegant portrait frames just arrived at Marie A. Canan's, over postoffice.

MATRIMONIAL.

On Christmas evening, Monday, Dec. 25, at 8 o'clock, Miss Gertrude J. Rasmus will be united in marriage to Lewis S. Budd by Rev. Geo. W. Gallagher, the ceremony to occur at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Walters. The bride to be is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Walters and has made her home with them for some time. She is a young lady of sterling qualities and has hosts of friends in the city who will hasten to congratulate her on the coming event. Mr. Budd is a resident of Leal, N. D., where he is interested in a large general store and lumber yard. He has been in the Alaskan gold fields during the past two years and has but recently returned, having been successful in his search for the precious metal. After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding supper will be served and Mr. and Mrs. Budd will leave on the night train for Minneapolis where they will visit friends for a few days and then go to their future home in North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. R. Rasmus, of Hedrick, Iowa, and Miss Olive Larson, of Osakis, have arrived in the city to be present at the wedding and other guests are expected from Leal, N. D., Waupaca, Wis. and New Jersey. The DISPATCH extends congratulations in advance.

Charles Haines, of Aitkin, and Mrs. Ella J. Porter, of this county, were united in marriage in this city on Tuesday, Rev. G. W. Gallagher officiating.

A marriage license was issued on Thursday to Jacob Sylvester and Augusta T. Johnson.

Christian J. Becker and Dora B. Cheney were licensed to wed yesterday.

CHURCH NEWS.

The exercises of the People's church will be held Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Clulow returned on Thursday from Minneapolis where she has conducted a very successful series of revival meetings, resulting in a number of conversions.

There will be service in the Swedish Lutheran church at 5 o'clock in the morning Christmas day. There will be special singing by the choir at this morning service.

Revival services will commence on Sunday, Dec. 31st and continue each evening during the month of January at the M. E. church. The pastor will be assisted by Mrs. Clulow.

Xmas exercises at the M. E. church on Saturday evening. A good program of songs and recitations will be rendered by the Sunday school pupils. All are cordially invited. The People's church services are at 10:45 and 7:30 o'clock. Morning subject "Christmas," evening subject "Blessings of Liberty," Sunday school at 12, C. E. at 6:30. All welcome.

The pastor of the Presbyterian church will preach Sunday morning on the subject of "The World's Evangel." At the evening service an exercise of responses and Christmas carols will be rendered by the members of the Sunday school.

The usual services at the M. E. church next Sabbath morning at 10:30, subject "The Two Veils." Evening 7:30, subject, "Birth of Christ." Mrs. Clulow will preach in the evening. Sabbath school at noon. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m.

The Christmas exercises of the First Congregational Sunday school will take place on Christmas night, Monday, Dec. 25. An interesting program will be presented by the Sunday school under the leadership of Supt. F. A. White and Mrs. J. N. Nevers.

"Christmas Gifts" will be Rev. G. W. Gallagher's subject on Sunday morning at the First Congregational church. In the evening he will preach a sermon to the young people on what Christmas means to young men and women. The public will be cordially welcomed to all these services.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, the Presbyterian Sunday school will hold an entertainment and Christmas tree festivities at Walker's hall. The program will consist of music, recitations, tableaux, etc. An admission of 10 cents will be charged parents and adults. Children of the Sunday school will be admitted free.

There will be impressive services at the Catholic church Christmas. The choir, assisted by the Kelsey orchestra, will sing Wiegand's celebrated festival mass. There will be midnight service Christmas eve, second mass at 9 a. m., and the third service will be at 10:30 a. m. The church will be decorated in keeping with the Christmas festival.

BEST THE MARKETS AFFORD.

Hawkins & Co. Market Presents a Fine Display Well Worth Seeing.

J. F. Hawkins & Co., at the corner of Front and Sixth streets have put forth an extra effort this year in the matter of procuring extra fine stock for their Christmas trade and in the general arrangement of their market and they have succeeded in both respects. The market is nicely decorated being festooned with Christmas holly and dotted here and there with cut flowers, making the market attractive and showing the goods off to a good advantage. It only needs a visit to this place to satisfy yourself that it is the one place in the city to satisfy your tastes in the line of meats and especially for an Xmas dinner. Fine Kansas City beef, extra for this occasion, is one article that Mr. Hawkins recommends to his trade—you only need to look at it to purchase. Then there is the mutton, artistically dressed, and also a special order, and the spring lamb, veal and pork also, comes in for its share of recognition at this holiday sale. No Christmas dinner is complete without a turkey and the firm have been exceedingly fortunate in securing a consignment of nice fat fancy dressed birds, unfrozen stock, which they have no hesitancy in recommending as the finest stock ever offered in the Brainerd market. Chickens, ducks and geese, all fancy dressed, are in profusion, and are first class in every respect. Hawkins & Co. have always had the reputation of furnishing the best brands of oysters in bulk and cans, and this week they have New York counts, extra selects and shell oysters, which have been shipped direct from Baltimore. In the line of fish a large consignment of Columbia river Salmon has just been received and then there is the Lake Superior trout, white fish, fresh mackerel, herring, lobsters and schrimps, besides a full line of smoked and salt fish. The firm carries a full line of sausage, including Frankfort and Viennas. Swift & Co.'s premium hams, breakfast bacon and cooked hams always in stock.

Mr. Hawkins desires all his friends in the city to call and see his elegant display, no matter whether customers of the market or not, as he is certain his efforts in the way of Christmas decoration and Christmas goods will please all and more than repay one for the trouble, besides the temptation to buy will be very strong after one looks the establishment over.

DEATHS.

Charles G., the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mooers, died Sunday of stomach trouble, aged three months. The funeral was held Tuesday from the house, Rev. G. W. Gallagher officiating, the interment taking place at Evergreen cemetery.

An Excellent Company.

The announcement that Cornyn & Lindsay's Bijou Comedy Co. is coming to the Gardner Opera House for one week's engagement commencing next Monday is pleasing news to all our theatre goers. This company has been having a most successful season and they deserve the success they have attained, for they give a most pleasing entertainment. The opening bill will be that beautiful Irish comedy drama "Inshavogue" which tells a charming story full of heart interest. There will be a change of play each night and pleasing specialties will be introduced between the acts, doing away with all tedious waits, making an up-to-date continuous performance. The company is headed by Jas. H. Rowland a comedian well known in the east, and Managers Cornyn and Lindsay have given Mr. Rowland an excellent supporting company of fifteen people. Special scenery is carried for each and every play in the extensive repertoire of this clever organization. Sale of reserved seats will open Friday morning at Swartz's drug store.

A. H. Bennett and J. T. Sanborn went to Staples this afternoon to assist the local lodge A. O. U. W. at that place in initiating a class of 40.

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PERTINENT PERSONAL NOTES.

Dr. Courtney went to St. Paul on Tuesday.

G. F. Mitchell left today for Madison, Wis.

Rev. A. H. Carver went to Minneapolis Monday.

P. J. Murphy returned Tuesday from Anaconda.

Editor Oliver, of Walker, was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Koop visited Staples friends over Sunday.

Senator Buckman was in the city between trains Tuesday.

Mrs. S. C. Tennis is home from an extended visit in the east.

C. N. Parker went to St. Paul Wednesday for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ferris returned Wednesday from St. Paul.

Harry Fox is at Riverside, Cal., where he will spend the winter.

Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Groves returned yesterday from their wedding trip.

Hugh and Paul Winters are home from Faribault for the holiday vacation.

W. E. Seeley, J. J. Howe and J. N. Nevers were St. Paul visitors on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk, of Walker, visited Brainerd friends on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. Rhodes left today for Minneapolis to spend Christmas with her son.

Miss Millicent Mahlum returned this noon from Macalaster college for the holiday vacation.

Mert. Congdon arrived in the city yesterday from Oelwein, Iowa, for a few days visit with relatives.

W. A. Marin, member of the last legislature from Polk county, was a caller at this office yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lush, of Winnipeg Junction, were guests of J. H. Craddock the first of the week.

E. E. Beard and wife left Wednesday night for Breckenridge where they will spend the holidays with friends.

Chas. Mitchell came home this noon from Austin, Nevada, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Mitchell.

Wm. McCarthy arrived in the city today from Missoula, Mont., to spend the holidays with his father, John McCarthy and family.

John T. Frater and M. McFadden went to Staples yesterday where they assisted last evening in the installation of the Masonic lodge officers.

Mrs. A. H. Rawson, of Tioga, Penn., who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wright and other relatives for some weeks, returned home Monday.

Mrs. B. Fearing was in the city Tuesday from Little Falls to attend the funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mooers. Mrs. Fearing and Mrs. Mooers are sisters.

A. J. Halsted, of the Tribune, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Flo Halsted and W. A. M. Johnston left yesterday noon for a two week's visit at Wheeling, W. Va. Mr. Johnston will also visit Northern Michigan before returning.

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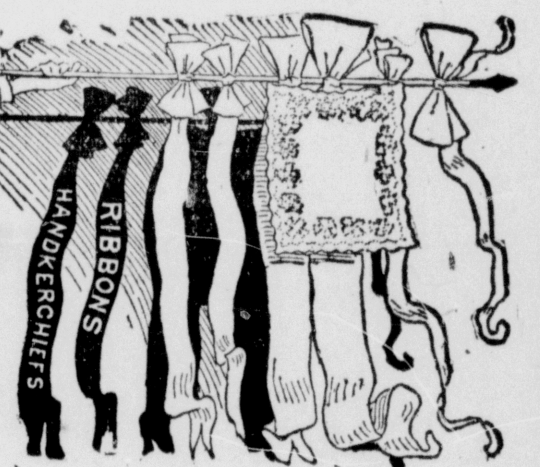
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Come in . . .

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The Pabst Brewing Co. have decided to close their agency in Brainerd.

A good Christmas gift—a scholarship in the Brainerd Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Beck have a new daughter at their home, born Dec. 14th.

J. W. Stearns will give a turkey shoot Christmas afternoon at Bacon's flat.

The Armour Packing Co. have removed their office to rooms in the Y. M. C. A. building.

Begin the new year right by laying a sure and sound foundation for success in life—business education.

White Cross Lodge, No. 30, Knights of Pythias, will confer the rank of Knight on three candidates this evening.

To get ahead in this world you must get a head well filled with practical knowledge such as is obtained at the Brainerd Business College.

G. W. Small has sold his rubber stamp works and job printing outfit to Jesse B. Steinhour, who formerly ran the business.

The Retail Clerk's dance advertised to occur Christmas night at Walker hall will not take place until Friday evening, Dec. 29.

Judicious buyers will patronize the merchants who tell the public what they have for sale through the medium of the DISPATCH advertising columns.

Violet LeClair is one of the cleverest on the stage today, she will appear at each performance of Cornyn & Lindsay's Bijou Comedy Co., during their engagement in this city.

The Retail Clerk's Union will give a social hop at Walker's hall Christmas night, Dec. 25. It is the second of a series and Kelsey's orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

Barney Dolan, general superintendent for Ray Jones at Frazee, is at the Lumbermen's hospital suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism. Mrs. Dolan is also in the city.

The curtain is never down during the performance of Cornyn & Lindsay's Bijou Comedy Company. Up to date specialties are introduced between the acts—making continuous performance.

The Sunday school of the Swedish Lutheran church will hold its festival on Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, at 7 o'clock. An admission of ten cents will be charged by which to help cover the expenses for the festival. Children admitted free.

Master George Ribble gave a party to his young friends Saturday afternoon last, the occasion being his fifth birthday. Elegant refreshments were served and a pleasant time enjoyed. Many nice remembrances of the occasion were received.

A dance will be given by the Sylvan Lake Quadrille Club at Jones' hall on Monday evening, Dec. 24th. Music will be furnished by Whitford's orchestra, tickets for dance and supper being \$1.00. W. B. Jones, the manager, promises a very pleasant time on this occasion for those who attend.

The Little Falls Transcript says that Miss Maud Terry, who for some time conducted a millinery store in this city, left Monday morning on the coast bound Northern Pacific train for Spring Valley, Oregon, where her mother, two brothers and a sister now reside. Her relatives left here last spring, and are now greatly pleased with that section of the state. Miss Terry intends to remain there.

The Pioneer Press says Mrs. Annie Stipe, until recently a resident of Brainerd, died suddenly at the home of a friend at St. Louis Park yesterday morning. The cause of death will be determined by an autopsy ordered by the coroner. Mrs. Stipe was forty-six years of age, and had had a great deal of trouble. She had frequently expressed the hope that death would come and relieve her troubles. She recently secured a divorce from Theodore Stipe. The latter is now in Idaho. Mrs. Stipe has been an inmate of the asylum for the insane at Fergus Falls.

A large line of elegant portrait frames just arrived at Marie A. Canan's, over postoffice.

MATRIMONIAL.

On Christmas evening, Monday, Dec. 25, at 8 o'clock, Miss Gertrude J. Rasmus will be united in marriage to Lewis S. Budd by Rev. Geo. W. Gallagher, the ceremony to occur at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Walters. The bride to be is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Walters and has made her home with them for some time. She is a young lady of sterling qualities and has hosts of friends in the city who will hasten to congratulate her on the coming event. Mr. Budd is a resident of Leal, N. D., where he is interested in a large general store and lumber yard. He has been in the Alaskan gold fields during the past two years and has but recently returned, having been successful in his search for the precious metal. After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding supper will be served and Mr. and Mrs. Budd will leave on the night train for Minneapolis where they will visit friends for a few days and then go to their future home in North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Rasmus, of Hedrick, Iowa, and Miss Olive Larson, of Osakis, have arrived in the city to be present at the wedding and other guests are expected from Leal, N. D., Waupaca, Wis. and New Jersey. The DISPATCH extends congratulations in advance.

Charles Haines, of Aitkin, and Mrs. Ella J. Porter, of this county, were united in marriage in this city on Tuesday, Rev. G. W. Gallagher officiating.

A marriage license was issued on Thursday to Jacob Sylvester and Augusta T. Johnson.

Christian J. Becker and Dora B. Cheney were licensed to wed yesterday.

CHURCH NEWS.

The exercises of the People's church will be held Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Clulow returned on Thursday from Minneapolis where she has conducted a very successful series of revival meetings, resulting in a number of conversions.

There will be service in the Swedish Lutheran church at 5 o'clock in the morning Christmas day. There will be special singing by the choir at this morning service.

Revival services will commence on Sunday, Dec. 31st and continue each evening during the month of January at the M. E. church. The pastor will be assisted by Mrs. Clulow.

Xmas exercises at the M. E. church on Saturday evening. A good program of songs and recitations will be rendered by the Sunday school pupils. All are cordially invited.

The People's church services are at 10:45 and 7:30 o'clock. Morning subject "Christmas," evening subject "Blessings of Liberty," Sunday school at 12, C. E. at 6:30. All welcome.

The pastor of the Presbyterian church will preach Sunday morning on the subject of "The World's Evengel." At the evening service an exercise of responses and Christmas carols will be rendered by the members of the Sunday school.

The usual services at the M. E. church next Sabbath morning at 10:30, subject "The Two Veils." Evening 7:30, subject, "Birth of Christ." Mrs. Clulow will preach in the evening. Sabbath school at noon. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m.

The Christmas exercises of the First Congregational Sunday school will take place on Christmas night, Monday, Dec. 25. An interesting program will be presented by the Sunday school under the leadership of Supt. F. A. White and Mrs. J. N. Nevers.

"Christmas Gifts" will be Rev. G. W. Gallagher's subject on Sunday morning at the First Congregational church. In the evening he will preach a sermon to the young people on what Christmas means to young men and women. The public will be cordially welcomed to all these services.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, the Presbyterian Sunday school will hold an entertainment and Christmas tree festivities at Walker's hall. The program will consist of music, recitations, tableaux, etc. An admission of 10 cents will be charged parents and adults. Children of the Sunday school will be admitted free.

There will be impressive services at the Catholic church Christmas. The choir, assisted by the Kelsey orchestra, will sing Wiegand's celebrated festival mass. There will be midnight service Christmas eve, second mass at 9 a. m., and the third service will be at 10:30 a. m. The church will be decorated in keeping with the Christmas festival.

BEST THE MARKETS AFFORD.

Hawkins & Co. Market Presents a Fine Display Well Worth Seeing.

J. F. Hawkins & Co., at the corner of Front and Sixth streets have put forth an extra effort this year in the matter of procuring extra fine stock for their Christmas trade and in the general arrangement of their market and they have succeeded in both respects. The market is nicely decorated being festooned with Christmas holly and dotted here and there with cut flowers, making the market attractive and showing the goods off to a good advantage. It only needs a visit to this place to satisfy yourself that it is the one place in the city to satisfy your tastes in the line of meats and especially for an Xmas dinner. Fine Kansas City beef, extra for this occasion, is one article that Mr. Hawkins recommends to his trade—you only need to look at it to purchase. Then there is the mutton, artistically dressed, and also a special order, and the spring lamb, veal and pork also, comes in for its share of recognition at this holiday sale. No Christmas dinner is complete without a turkey and the firm have been exceedingly fortunate in securing a consignment of nice fat fancy dressed birds, unfrozen stock, which they have no hesitancy in recommending as the finest stock ever offered in the Brainerd market. Chickens, ducks and geese, all fancy dressed, are in profusion, and are first class in every respect. Hawkins & Co. have always had the reputation of furnishing the best brands of oysters in bulk and cans, and this week they have New York counts, extra select and shell oysters, which have been shipped direct from Baltimore. In the line of fish a large consignment of Columbia river Salmon has just been received and then there is the Lake Superior trout, white fish, fresh mackerel, herring, lobsters and schrimps, besides a full line of smoked and salt fish. The firm carries a full line of sausage, including Frankfort and Viennas. Swift & Co.'s premium hams, breakfast bacon and cooked hams always in stock.

Mr. Hawkins desires all his friends in the city to call and see his elegant display, no matter whether customers of the market or not, as he is certain his efforts in the way of Christmas decoration and Christmas goods will please all and more than repay one for the trouble, besides the temptation to buy will be very strong after one looks the establishment over.

DEATHS.

Charles G., the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mooers, died Sunday of stomach trouble, aged three months. The funeral was held Tuesday from the house, Rev. G. W. Gallagher officiating, the interment taking place at Evergreen cemetery.

An Excellent Company.

The announcement that Cornyn & Lindsay's Bijou Comedy Co. is coming to the Gardner Opera House for one week's engagement commencing next Monday is pleasing news to all our theatre goers. This company has been having a most successful season and they deserve the success they have attained, for they give a most pleasing entertainment. The opening bill will be that beautiful Irish comedy drama "Inshavogue" which tells a charming story full of heart interest. There will be a change of play each night and pleasing specialties will be introduced between the acts, doing away with all tedious waits, making an up-to-date continuous performance. The company is headed by Jas. H. Rowland a comedian well known in the east, and Managers Cornyn and Lindsay have given Mr. Rowland an excellent supporting company of fifteen people. Special scenery is carried for each and every play in the extensive repertoire of this clever organization. Sale of reserved seats will open Friday morning at Swartz's drug store.

A. H. Bennett and J. T. Sanborn went to Staples this afternoon to assist the local lodge A. O. U. W. at that place in initiating a class of 40.

Our line of package perfumes include all the new odors of the leading manufacturers. Johnson's Pharmacy.

Brainerd Business College. Winter term, Monday, Dec. 11th. A good time to begin.

A fine line of medallion and cameo novelties, from 10 cents up at Marie A. Canan's, over postoffice.

PERTINENT PERSONAL NOTES.

Dr. Courtney went to St. Paul on Tuesday.

G. F. Mitchell left today for Madison, Wis.

Rev. A. H. Carver went to Minneapolis Monday.

P. J. Murphy returned Tuesday from Anaconda.

Editor Oliver, of Walker, was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Koop visited Staples friends over Sunday.

Senator Buckman was in the city between trains Tuesday.

Mrs. S. C. Tennis is home from an extended visit in the east.

C. N. Parker went to St. Paul Wednesday for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ferris returned Wednesday from St. Paul.

Harry Fox is at Riverside, Cal., where he will spend the winter.

Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Groves returned yesterday from their wedding trip.

Hugh and Paul Winters are home from Faribault for the holiday vacation.

W. E. Seeley, J. J. Howe and J. N. Nevers were St. Paul visitors on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk, of Walker, visited Brainerd friends on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. Rhodes left today for Minneapolis to spend Christmas with her son.

Miss Millicent Mahlum returned this noon from Macalaster college for the holiday vacation.

Mert. Congdon arrived in the city yesterday from Oelwein, Iowa, for a few days visit with relatives.

W. A. Marin, member of the last legislature from Polk county, was a caller at this office yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lush, of Winnipeg Junction, were guests of J. H. Craddock the first of the week.

E. E. Beard and wife left Wednesday night for Breckenridge where they will spend the holidays with friends.

Chas. Mitchell came home this noon from Austin, Nevada, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Mitchell.

Wm. McCarthy arrived in the city today from Missoula, Mont., to spend the holidays with his father, John McCarthy and family.

John T. Frater and M. McFadden went to Staples yesterday where they assisted last evening in the installation of the Masonic lodge officers.

Mrs. A. H. Rawson, of Tioga, Penn., who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wright and other relatives for some weeks, returned home Monday.

Mrs. B. Fearing was in the city Tuesday from Little Falls to attend the funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mooers. Mrs. Fearing and Mrs. Mooers are sisters.

A. J. Halsted, of the Tribune, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Flo Halsted and W. A. M. Johnston left yesterday noon for a two week's visit at Wheeling, W. Va. Mr. Johnston will also visit Northern Michigan before returning.

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You Can Get:

Fine alarm clock, regular price \$1.50, our price.... **74c**

Handsome eight day Alarm Clock, Regular price \$7.00 **\$2.99**
Our price.....

Heavy pair Bed Blankets, regular price 75 cents, special now at..... **59c**

A fine lot of combination, always sold at \$1.75, this sale only..... **99c**

Heavy Horse Blankets, never sold less than \$1.25, this sale only..... **74c**

First-class Buck Saws, guaranteed, Regular price \$1.00, now only..... **60c**

First-class Guitar or Mandolin, Regular \$12 goods, will sell now at..... **\$4.99**

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SILK WAISTS.

Exclamations of Admiration

Are heard on all sides. Our display of **SILK WAISTS** bring them forth. Be one of the admirers. They make a nice present.



KID GLOVES.

Kids Dressed And Undressed,

in all the newest shades and styles. Bought new and fresh for

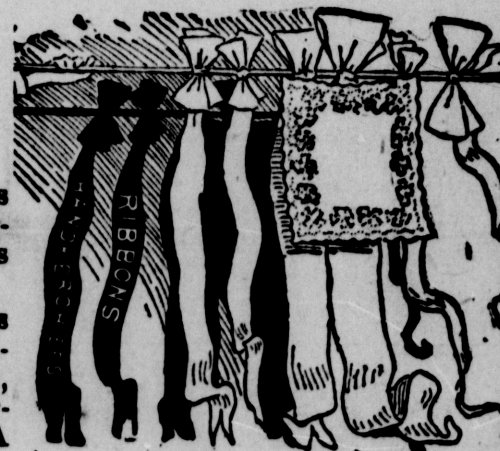


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We offer high values in Ribbons and Handkerchiefs at low figures. Fine linen handkerchiefs from 10c each upwards.

Five thousand assorted styles and kinds of Embroidered, Hemstitched, Plain and Lace Edged, Swiss, Dimity and Linen Handkerchiefs for ladies and gentlemen. A magnificent showing.



We Offer ..

To the public of Brainerd and vicinity our annual display of useful and ornamental articles for the Holiday Season, for we don't think everybody in this neighborhood knows us, yet we do think that a great many people ought to know what a large stock we carry, what good values we offer, how bright and clean our stock is looking, how new and novel the different articles selected show up, and how very reasonable in price we are willing to part with them. Hence this invitation.

Come in ...

and look our stock over. No trouble to show goods. No trouble to answer questions. No grumbling if you want samples off our goods. Store open every day and evening until Christmas from now on. We have a splendid lot of merchandise consisting of Shoes for men, women and children. Clothing for boys, little tots, big boys, small boys. Clothing for men, all sizes. Cloaks for ladies and children. Ladies Capes, Fur Cloaks and Capes, Ladies' Wrappers, Ladies Flannelette night gowns. Men's Hose, Shirts, Neckties, Gloves and Mitts. Ladies' Fur Muffs, Collarettes. A splendid stock of Dress Goods to pick from, new line of Linens, Draperies, Lace Curtains, Towels, etc. The best values in Men's Women's and Children's underwear in this city.

A Large Table

We have a large table in the store on which we have placed a thousand articles of use and ornament, values from 30c to 50c. Your choice NOW only 25c. for any piece selected. Come and see it. We show a beautiful line of Goods all through the store, and invite your inspection.

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